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Births.

SMANN.—November 28, Charindarsley, Faulconbridge, Blue Mountains, the wife of James Elliott Mann, of a son.

NOTT.—December 23, at her residence, Roslyn, Croydon, the wife of Randolph H. Nott, of a daughter.

SIMON.—December 17, at her residence, Oona, Shakespeare-grove, Hawthorn, the wife of Max J. Simon, of a daughter. Foreign papers please copy.

WADDELL.—December 6, at Southside, Ellerslie, Auckland, N.Z., the wife of J. J. Waddell, of a son.

WATT.—November 19, 1891, at No. 1 Hopewell-street, Paddington, the wife of Edmund Watt, of a son.

Marriages.

HILL—AHEARNE.—December 23, 1891, at St. Peter's Church, Sydney, by the Rev. T. B. Tress, M.A., William Herbert Hill, of Hebdenburn, Lewisham, eldest son of Joseph Hill, Esq., J.P., Bradford, to Blanche Florence, youngest daughter of the late William Eugene Ahearne, Dublin.

Deaths.

CAIRNS.—December 10, at his residence, Walker-street, Dunedin, N.Z., Alexander Cairns, in his 79th year.

CLUBB.—December 23, at Gordonville, Balmain West, Chas. Geo. Gordon, infant son of John and M. Clubb, aged 4 months.

GRUMITT.—December 3, at the residence of her father, Alexander Cairns, Dunedin, N.Z., Catherine Kerr, wife of William Grumitt, Oamaru.

LOBLINER.—December 23, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. S. De Groen, 102 Botany-street, Moore Park, Julia, aged 45, beloved wife of Charles Lobliner, of Lismore, Richmond River.

QUINLAN.—December 22, at his residence, 243 Victoria-street, Darlinghurst, Matthew C. Quinlan, aged 47 years. R.I.P.

WEIR.—At his late residence, Mia Mia, Brighton-street, Petersham, William Weir, in his 91st year.

In Memoriam.

CLARKE.—In loving remembrance of my beloved mother, Ellen Clarke, who died in New York city, U.S.A., on December 24, 1890, aged 78 years. Inserted by her loving son, E. W. Clarke.

HOWARD.—In memory of John Howard, who died at his residence, Alexandra-street, North Shore, on 22nd December, 1889. Inserted by his friend, A. C. M.

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FOR LONDON:

Steamer.	Tons.	Commander.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Adelaide.
Parramatta	4771	R. G. Murray	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	Jan. 6
Britannia	6257	J. Orman	Jan. 11	Jan. 16	Jan. 20
Massilia	4918	C. D. Sams	Jan. 25	Jan. 30	Feb. 3
Oriental	5045	E. Stewart	Feb. 8	Feb. 13	Feb. 17
*Victoria	6268	A. W. Adamson	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Mar. 2
*Oceana	6362	F. S. Tomlin	Mar. 5	Mar. 12	Mar. 16
*Valetta	4919	R. F. Briscoe	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Mar. 30
*Arcadia	6362	W. B. Andrews	April 2	April 9	April 13
*Ballaarat	4748	E. Ashdown	April 16	April 23	April 27
*Parramatta	4771	R. G. Murray	April 30	May 7	May 11

* These vessels call at Hobart.

And thenceforward every alternate week.

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			1892.	Mon.
OPHIR	7000 tons	J. F. Ruthven, R.N.R.	Jan.	4
ORUBA	5552 "	Lindsay Hay	Jan.	18
AUSTRAL	5524 "	F. M. Tuke	Feb.	1
CUZCO	3918 "	J. F. Anderson	Feb.	15
*OROYA	6057 "	H. E. Lavington	Feb.	27
*ORIZABA	6077 "	G. F. Dixon	Mar.	12
*ORIENT	5365 "	H. G. Darby	Mar.	26
*ORMUZ	6031 "	W. E. White, R.N.R.	April	9
*OROTAVA	5553 "	R. Studdert	April	23
OPHIR	7000 "	J. F. Ruthven, R.N.R.	May	9
ORUBA	5552 "	Lindsay Hay	May	23

And fortnightly thereafter.

* Calling at Hobart.

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Steamers.	Commander.	Leave Sydney 1 p.m.	Leave Melbourne.
AUSTRALIEN	G. Didier	Dec. 26	Dec. 30
OCEANIEN	Fiaschi	Jan. 25	Jan. 29
POLYNESIEN	L. Boulard	Feb. 27	Mar. 1
YARRA	H. de Maubeuge	Mar. 25	Mar. 29
AUSTRALIEN	G. Didier	April 27	April 30

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Steamer.	Tns	Commander.	Leave Sydney Noon.	Leave Melbourne.	Leave Adelaide Semaphore.
			1891.	1892.	1892.
Kaiser Wilhelm II.	5000	L. Störmer	Dec. 29	Jan. 2	Jan. 6
			1892.		
Habsburg	...	W. Schmildler	Jan. 27	Jan. 31	Feb. 3
Hohenstaufen	...	J. Rohen	Feb. 24	Feb. 27	Mar. 2

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Steamer.	Tns	Leave Sydney.	Leave Auckland.	Arrive at 'Frisco.
Alameda	3000	December 28	January 2	January 21
Mariposa	3000	January 25	January 30	February 18
Monowai	3500	February 22	February 27	March 17

Tickets are available for 12 months, and Saloon Passengers can break their journey at Auckland, Honolulu, San Francisco, and any place of call en route to New York.

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Innamincka (Adelaide Co.'s), Saturday, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Rodondo (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Adelaide (Adelaide Co.'s), Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
Buninyong (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Jan. 5, 5 p.m.

ADELAIDE and WEST AUSTRALIA (from Melbourne)—
Steamer (Adelaide Co.'s), Jan. 9.
Steamer (Huddart Parker's), early.

BRISBANE and QUEENSLAND PORTS—
Peregrine (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Dec. 26, noon.
Cintra (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Wednesday, Dec. 30, noon.
Leura (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Jan. 2, noon.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, and ROCKHAMPTON—
*Fitzroy (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Saturday, Dec. 26, 10 a.m.
Buninyong (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Dec. 29, 5.
Konoowarra (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Jan. 5, 5 p.m.
*Passengers and cargo for Maryborough change at Brisbane.

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Cintra (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Wednesday, Dec. 30, noon.
Leura (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Jan. 2, noon.

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Corinna (Union Co.'s), about Dec. 28, at noon.

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Wendouree (Huddart Parker's), This Day, 4 p.m.

LAUNCESTON (via Eden)—
Corinna (Union Co.'s), about Dec. 28, at noon.

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Wendouree (Huddart, Parker's), This Day, 4 p.m.
Barcoo (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), This Day, 5 p.m.
Leura (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Dec. 26, noon.
Innamincka (Adelaide Co.'s), Saturday, Dec. 26, 1 p.m.
Arawatta (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Monday, Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Rodondo (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Gabo (Howard Smith's), Saturday, Jan. 2, noon.
Adelaide (Adelaide Co.'s), Jan. 2, 1 p.m.

NEW ZEALAND—
Rauroto (Union Co.'s), via Auckland, This Day, 5 p.m.
Tekapo (Union Co.'s), via Wellington, about Jan. 2.

NOUMEA, SUVA, and LEVUKA—
Birksgate (A.U.S.N. Co.'s), Wednesday, Jan. 6, 5 p.m.

PORT PIRIE (without transhipment)—
Rodondo (Howard Smith's), Tuesday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.

PORT PIRIE—
Innamincka (Adelaide Co.'s), Dec. 26, 1 p.m.

SHOALHAVEN PORTS—
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Ulladulla, Clyde, Bateman's Bay, Thursday, noon.
Moruya, Thursday, noon.
Ulladulla, Wednesday, noon; cargo, 11 a.m.
Merimbula, Eden, Bermagui, Wednesday, Saturday, noon.
Tathra, Wednesday, Saturday, noon; cargo, 11 a.m.
Pambula Goldfields, Wednesday, Saturday, noon.

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VILLA MARIA—Same as Hunter's Hill, except 7 p.m.
GLADESVILLE—7, 8.10, 9, 9.30, 10*, 11, 12, 1 (Sat., 12.15, 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 5.45, 6.15, 7, 10.15, 11.15.
FIVE DOCK, BURWOOD, CORREY'S—7, 9.30, 12, 1 (Sat., 12.15, 1.15), 5.15 (5.15 via Mortlake), (Tues., Thurs., 11.15).
MORTLAKE, &c.—7, 8.10, 9, 10*, 11, 1 (Sat., 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 10.15 (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 11.15).
RYDE—7, 8.10, 9, 10*, 11, 1 (Sat., 1.15), 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 7 (Tues., Thur., 10.15), (Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat., 11.15).
PARRAMATTA, &c.—9, 10*, 11, 1 (Sat., 1.15), 2*, 3, 5.15 p.m.
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For RYDE—7, 9, 10 and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2 and 2*, 3, 5.15, 7, 10.15, 11.15.
For MORTLAKE, PUTNEY, and TENNYSON—7, 9, 10 and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2 and 2*, 3, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 10.15, 11.15.
For CORREY'S GARDENS—9, 10, 10.30, 11, 11.30, 12, 12.30, 1.15, 2, 3.
For FIVE DOCK and BURWOOD.—9, 12, 1.15, 4.15, 5.15.
For GLADESVILLE, CABARITA, and CHISWICK—7, 9, 10 and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2 and 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7, 10.15, 11.15.
For HUNTER'S HILL, VILLA MARIA, DRUMMOYNE, COCKATOO, and LONGNOSE—7, 8, 9, 10 and 10*, 11, 12, 1.15, 2 and 2*, 3, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7 (except Villa Maria), 8, 9.30, 10.15, 11.15.

RETURNING.
From PARRAMATTA PARK—7, 9, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
From PARRAMATTA TRAM WHARF, NEWINGTON, DUNDAS, ERMINGTON—7.15, 9.15, 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15.
From RYDE—7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 11.40, 12.40, 1.40, 2.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40, 8.10 p.m.
From MORTLAKE, PUTNEY, TENNYSON—7.50, 8.50, 9.50, 11.50, 12.50, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50, 4.50, 5.50, 8.20.
From CORREY'S GARDENS (Cabarita Wharf)—7.55, 8.25, 8.55, 9.55, 11.55, 12.55, 1.55, 2.55, 3.55, 4.55, 5.55, 6.50, 8.25. Specials from Correy's Wharf, 5, 5.30, 6.
From FIVE DOCK, BURWOOD—7.40, 10.40, 1.40, 2.40, 5.40.
From GLADESVILLE and CHISWICK—8, 8.30, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6.50, 8.30.
From VILLA MARIA—7.5, 8.5, 8.35, 9.5, 10.5, 11.5, 12.5, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.5, 6.5, 7, 9.5, 10.5.
From HUNTER'S HILL and DRUMMOYNE—6.15, 7.15, 8.15, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15, 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15, 3.15, 4.15, 5.15, 6.15, 7.10, 8.45, 9.15, 10.15.
From COCKATOO and LONGNOSE—6.25, 7.25, 8.25, 8.55, 9.25, 10.25, 11.25, 12.25, 1.25, 2.25, 3.25, 4.25, 5.25, 6.25, 7.25, 8.25, 8.55, 9.25, 10.25.

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The favourite and smart Clipper Ship PORT JACKSON, 2132 Tons Register, JAMES HODGE, Commander, is now receiving at the Central Stores, and will have quick despatch.

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For Freight, &c., apply to GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents, 8 Young-street.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

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FOR LONDON,

The new steel Clipper Ship CROMDALE, of Messrs. Donaldson, Rose, and Co.'s line, 1849 tons register, built 1891, 100 A1. E. H. ANDREW, Commander. Shippers can rely on quick despatch. The vessel will be docked and painted before sailing. For freight, &c., apply to JOHN SANDERSON and CO., Agents, 24 Bond-street.

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REGULAR LINE OF SAILING VESSELS TO LONDON.

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HESPERUS, for LONDON. 1859 tons, J. H. BARRETT, Commander.

Should sufficient inducement offer the above favourite passenger vessel will be despatched during February for London, via Cape of Good Hope, and calling at St. Helena. Passengers desirous of making a sea voyage are invited to inspect the superior accommodation. Smokeroom, Ladies' Drawing-room, Bathroom, &c. A surgeon carried.

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FOR LONDON DIRECT.

FOR THE MARCH WOOL SALES.

The Favourite 100 A1 Iron Aberdeen Clipper Ship TRAFALGAR, 1429 tons register, R. A. Browne, commander.

This magnificent vessel, having large engagements, and being noted for her rapid passages, offers the most favourable opportunity for the above sales.

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FOR LONDON.

For MARCH WOOL SALES.

The well-known 100 A1 Clipper SUPERB, 1367 tons, W. E. JONES Master, will have prompt despatch.

For rates of freight apply to GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., 37 Pitt-street.

Wool received at Talbot's Stores.

SHIP KELTON, from Liverpool.

CONSIGNEES are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for the Grafton Wharf.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after same shall have been landed, and all cargo impeding discharge will be entered and stored at consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading must be produced, freight and wharfage paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any cargo be delivered.

BURNS, PHILP, and CO., Limited, Agents.

Captain YOUNG will NOT be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by any of his crew without his written authority.

ARNOLD, CHENEY, and CO., AUSTRALIAN STAR LINE.

BARQUE SOUTHERN CROSS, from NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES are requested to Pass Entries at once for Parbury's Wharf.

The ship will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to cargo after same has been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense without further notice.

Bills of Lading must be produced, duly endorsed, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the office of the undersigned before any goods are removed from the wharf.

ARNOLD, CHENEY, and CO., Agents.

Captain BAILEY will not be responsible for any Debts contracted by his crew without his written authority.

S.S. CULGOA, from LONDON.

All CLAIMS and ACCOUNTS against the above vessel must be rendered in duplicate to the office of the undersigned by noon THIS DAY, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

AN ACCOUNT, with plans of distribution, in the undermentioned estate, showing dividend as specified, is now filed in the Office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Chancery-square, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such account and plan will be submitted to the Court on THURSDAY, the 7th January, 1892, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—

JOHN WILLIAM RICHARD CLARKE, of Market-street, Sydney, bookseller and stationer (No. 4072), a first account and plan showing payment in full of two (2) preferential debts, a dividend of 3s (three shillings) in the £ on all proved concurrent debts, and a balance of £41 2s 1d carried forward to the credit of a second account.

In the following estates, accounts current only showing debit balances:—

JOHN TILLER, of Coolamatong, near Cooma, carpenter (No. 4051).
JULIUS ZIEHLKE, of Wellington, doctor of medicine (No. 4067).
JAMES REYNOLDS, of Balmain (No. 3780).
THOMAS TWADDELL, of Mount Macquarie, near Carcoar, farmer (No. 4135).
JAMES WILLIAM SMITH, of Moss Vale, labourer (No. 4146).
SAMUEL POLLARD, of Merewether, Newcastle, fireman (No. 4175).
GEORGE COLLINS, of Ulmarra, farmer (No. 4183).
ROBERT WILLIAM POOLES, of Glebe Point, Civil servant (No. 4186).
DANIEL KIELY, of Islington, near Newcastle, miner (No. 4089).
JAMES RIED, of Devon-street, Hamilton, miner (No. 4199).
JAMES MOORE, of Manly, butcher (No. 4211).

LANCELOT T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

127 Phillip-street, Sydney, December 14, 1891.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Estate of JAMES TIMMONY, late of Waratah, near Newcastle, in the colony of New South Wales, Hotel-keeper, deceased, intestate.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MICHAEL JOSEPH FOLEY, a Brother-in-law of the said deceased, during the minority of the only child of the said deceased.

Dated this 23rd day of December, A.D., 1891.

H. J. BROWN, Proctor for said Administrator, Newcastle.

By ELLIS, MAKINSON, and PLUNKETT, his Agents, 49 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will of ANNA TURKINGTON, of Junee Reefs, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FERDINAND ROBERT PIKE, of Junee Reefs, the Executor named in the said will.

HENRY OLIVER HEATH, Proctor of Executor, Wagga Wagga.

By J. R. GARLAND, his Agent, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will of PRISCILLA HANCOCK, late of St. Leonards, near Clarence Town, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDEN BANKS HANCOCK, the executrix named in the said will.

CARL F. SOLLING, Proctor, West Maitland.

By his Agents—Messrs. LAURENCE and RICH, Solicitors, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will of HENRY LEVY SOLOMON, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Dealer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that after the expiration of fourteen days from the publication hereof application will be made to the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, that Probate of the will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to LEAH SOLOMON, the widow of the said deceased, and sole executrix therein named.

Dated this 23rd day of December, A.D. 1891.

LEWIS LEVY, Proctor for the Executrix, 67 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will of HUGH NAUGHTON, Senior, late of Tumut Plains, near Tumut, in the colony aforesaid, Farmer, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to BRIDGET NAUGHTON (the Widow of the said deceased) and PATRICK NAUGHTON, both of Tumut Plains, near Tumut, in the colony of New South Wales, the Executrix and Executor named in the said will.

Dated this twenty-third day of December, A.D. 1891.

FRANK TAYLOR, Proctor for Applicants, Tumut.

By DIBBS AND GIBSON, his Agents, 92 Pitt-st., Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will of MARTIN HEAGNEY, late of Ballyglass, near Armidale, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PATRICK HEAGNEY, of Spearmount, near Armidale, aforesaid, Farmer, and ROBERT PEARSON, of Violet Hill, near Armidale, aforesaid, Farmer, the Executors named in the said Will.

Dated this seventeenth day of December, A.D. 1891.

ALBERT WHITBY SIMPSON, Proctor for the Executors, Armidale; by his Agents, SLY and HAMILTON, 379B George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Estate of JAMES BRIDGE, late of Gerringong, in the district of Kiama, and colony of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased, intestate.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN BRIDGE, the eldest Son of the said deceased.

Dated this twenty-second day of December, A.D. 1891.

KURAN RYAN, Proctor for the Administrator, Kiama.

By his Agent, A. W. E. WEAVER, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Estate of THOMAS FULLER, late of Dry Creek, near Parkville, in the colony of New South Wales, Labourer, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JAMES FULLER, of Dry Creek aforesaid, the father and next of kin of the said deceased.

Dated this 22nd day of December, A.D. 1891.

ROBERT GEORGE DUNDAS FITZGERALD, Proctor for the Applicant, Muswellbrook.

Agent, W. H. PIGOTT, 28 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Estate of JOHN JOSEPH KELLY, late of Burwood, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Mining Agent, deceased, intestate.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN JOSEPH KELLY, the son of the said deceased.

Dated this twenty-third day of December, A.D. 1891.

LAURENCE, M'LACHLAN, and WILLIAMS, Proctors for the Administrator, Mutual Life-buildings, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Estate of MARTIN COSTELLO, late of Alfred Town, near Wagga Wagga, in the colony of New South Wales, Hotelkeeper, deceased, intestate.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HANNAH MARY COSTELLO, of Alfred Town, near Wagga Wagga, in the colony aforesaid, widow of the said deceased.

Dated the 18th day of December, A.D. 1891.

HARRY BERKELEY FITZHARDINGE, Proctor for Applicant, Wagga Wagga.

By his Agent—M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Will of WILLIAM ARCHER, late of Wagga Wagga, formerly of Tarcutta, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.

APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY ARCHER, of Tarcutta, Widow one of the executors of the said will; leave being reserved to MARY JANE WALDREN, wife of James Waldren, the other executor, to come in and prove the same.

Dated this 18th day of December, A.D. 1891.

HARRY BERKELEY FITZHARDINGE, Proctor for Applicant, Wagga Wagga.

By his Agent—M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—No. 4363.

Re PATRICK MYLOTT, of Rowntree-street, Balmain, Wine Merchant.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First MEETING of Creditors in the above matter will be held at the Office of the Official Assignee, at Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street, Sydney, on the 8th January, 1892, at 3.30 p.m.

To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 8th day of January, 1892.

ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy.

Mr. A. MORRIS, Official Assignee.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

In the Matter of the Company's Act, 1882, and the amendments thereof; and In the Matter of the New Zealand Antimony Company, Limited.

It is hereby notified that, unless previously disposed of by private contract or withdrawn from sale by order of a Judge of this Honourable Court, all that the Antimony Mine situate at Endeavour Inlet, Queen Charlotte Sound, in the colony of New Zealand, together with all the fixed and movable plant and machinery thereon and used in connection therewith, the property of the New Zealand Antimony Company, Limited, will be sold by public auction at the City of Wellington, in the said colony of New Zealand, in or about the last week in the month of January, 1892, by Thomas George Macarthy and Edward Richardson, the Official Liquidators of the said New Zealand Antimony Company, Limited, in pursuance of an order of this Honourable Court made herein on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1891.

Further particulars can be obtained from the undersigned, or from the Official Liquidators.

Dated at the said City of Wellington this eighth day of December, 1891.

BUCKLEY, STAFFORD, and TREADWELL, Solicitors for the Official Liquidators of the New Zealand Antimony Company, Limited.

Public Notices.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, to apply to the Parliament of New South Wales during the present session thereof for a Bill to authorise the said company to CLOSE a ROADWAY terminated at and bounded by the lands of the said company, and forming part of Charwne-street, Ultimo, in the City of Sydney, and of vesting the land now forming the said roadway sought to be closed in the said company for an estate in fee simple in possession; and for other the purposes in the said Bill mentioned.

Dated this fifteenth day of October, 1891.

JOHNSON, MINTER, SIMPSON and CO., Solicitors for the said Bill.

THE ROUND HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY, Limited. Re INCREASE of CAPITAL.

NOTICE is hereby given that the last day for the acceptance of the allotment of the newly-created shares in the above Company has been EXTENDED from the 21st day of December, 1891, as required by notice dated the 16th day of November, sent to each registered shareholder, until MONDAY, the 18th day of January, 1892.

All registered shareholders who shall fail to comply on or before the said 18th day of January, 1892, with the conditions of application for such new-issue shares as set out in the said notice, dated the 16th day of November, 1891, shall be deemed to have forfeited such shares to the use of the Company.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1891, at 39 Queen-street, Melbourne.

By order of the Board, JOHN BRANDON, Secretary.

THE NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF.

JOHN HURST, WATCHMAKER and JEWELLER, is offering his fashionable and well-selected Stock at previous prices until January 10th, 1892.

AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

AFTER the 26th DECEMBER members are requested to FORWARD ALL COMMUNICATIONS to the HONORARY SECRETARY, The Museum, Hobart, Tasmania.

A. LIVERSIDGE, Hon. Sec.

The University, Glebe.

THE INSTITUTE OF ACTUARIES.

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NOTICE is hereby given:

1. That the Annual EXAMINATIONS of the Institute of Actuaries will be held in the Colonial Centres on FRIDAY, 29th APRIL, 1892, and SATURDAY, 30th APRIL, 1892.
2. That the respective Local Examiners will fix the places and hours of the Examinations, and inform the Candidates thereof.
3. That Candidates must give notice in writing to the Local Examiner, David Carment, Esq., Australian Mutual Provident Society, and pay the prescribed fee of One Guinea, not later than 31st December, 1891.
4. That Candidates must pay their current Annual Subscriptions prior to 31st December, 1891.

By order.

THOS. H. COOKE } Hon.
GEORGE KING } Secs.

D. CARMENT, Local Examiner at Sydney.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.

PRIZE DRAWING for GRAND PIANO, the gift of Messrs. BEALE and CO., was drawn for at the Hospital yesterday, Winning Number being 509.

Also, OIL PAINTING, the Winning Number being 26.

BLACK'S Special Coach to Newport leaves Manly 6.15 p.m., Thursday. Tickets, Cook's, 4 Hunter-st.

MEDLOW, between Katoomba and Blackheath.—Sale of splen. Sites at station next Sat. R. and W., Ltd.

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COME EARLY TO AVOID THE CRUSH.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The Offices of all INSURANCE COMPANIES (Fire and Marine) in the undermentioned Associations will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 25th, SATURDAY, 26th, and MONDAY, 28th of December:—

SYDNEY UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION
FIRE UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION of N.S.W.

J. E. WOODTHORPE, Secretary.

WAREHOUSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

The following WAREHOUSES, Members of the above Association, will be CLOSED on MONDAY NEXT, the 28th instant, the same having been declared a Public Holiday:—

Messrs. Alcock Bros.	Messrs. C. Newton Bros. and Co.
" Hy. Bull and Co.	" W. Perry and Co.
" W. Gardiner and Co.	" Peterson, Boesen, and Co.
" R. Gray, Son, and Co.	" Crawshaw and Co.
" Lark, Sons, and Co.	" Robert Reid and Co.
" A. M'Arthur and Co.	

ALFRED H. COLLIER, Secretary.

Sydney, December 23, 1891.

NOTICE TO BUTCHERS and OTHERS.

My Establishments at Abattoirs, Glebe Island and Darling Harbour, will be OPEN for the transaction of business until 9 o'clock on SATURDAY MORNING NEXT.

DELIVERIES will be made as required up to that hour.

HENRY MACNAMARA, Darling Harbour.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Melbourne OFFICES of the undermentioned Companies will be CLOSED from the 25th December, 1891, to the 2nd January, 1892, inclusive:—

Broken Hill South Silver-mining Company, Limited
Broken Hill South Block 5 Company, Limited
Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, Limited
The Sunny Corner Silver-mining Company, Limited
New Lion's Den Tin-mining Company, No Liability.

By order of the Boards. ST. JOHN A. BIGGS, Secretary.

34 Queen-street, Melbourne, 19th December, 1891.

CITY MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited.

Established 1877.

Head Office—95 Pitt-street.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The OFFICES of this Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 24th instant, until TUESDAY, 29th instant.

ROBERT KERR, Manager.

Sydney, December 24, 1891.

AUSTRALIAN GASLIGHT COMPANY.

NOTICE.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 28th instant respectively, being Public Holidays, the Head Office, Kent-street, and the Branch Offices, 98 Bathurst-street, and George-street, Parramatta, will be CLOSED.

Complaints will be attended to as usual in the Engineer's department.

W. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

Company's Office, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

MERCANTILE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited. HEAD OFFICE, 120 PITT-STREET.

NOTICE.

The OFFICES of this Company will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th, 26th, and 28th instant, for the Christmas Holidays.

KELSO KING, Secretary.

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, and MONDAY, 25th, 26th, 28th December, being PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, the Offices of RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited, will be CLOSED.

SYDNEY DAVIS, Secretary.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

We desire to intimate to our Patrons and Visitors from the country that our Establishment will be OPEN as usual on MONDAY, 28th instant, thus affording those visiting the metropolis an excellent opportunity to walk through our Showrooms and inspect our Magnificent Stock.

DAVID JONES and COMPANY, opposite the General Post Office, George-street, Sydney.

OUR Establishment will be OPEN as Usual on Monday. Denison House Drapery Co., 388 George-st.

SYDNEY SCHOOL OF ARTS.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

The Lending Library will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 25th December, to MONDAY, 28th December, inclusive, in accordance with bylaw 20.

CYRIL HAVILAND, Secretary.

THE ASSOCIATED MASTER BAKERS of Sydney and suburbs have decided to Bake and Deliver BREAD as usual on SATURDAY, 26th instant (Boxing Day), to prevent inconvenience to their customers.

W. J. HILL, Secretary.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—We beg to inform our numerous patrons and country customers that our Establishment will be OPEN as usual for business on MONDAY NEXT, 28th instant.

PEAPES and CO., 311 George-street.

THE OFFICES of the N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE D. and I. COMPANY, Limited, 74 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, will be CLOSED from THURSDAY EVENING, 24th December, 1891, until TUESDAY MORNING, 29th December, 1891.

For the convenience of customers, the PLEDGE DEPARTMENT will be OPEN on SATURDAY EVENING, 26th December, 1891, from 6 until 10 o'clock.

LEWIS LEVY, Manager.

WE beg to notify to our clients that our WAREHOUSE will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 24th instant, till TUESDAY, the 29th instant.

GEORGE WEBSTER and CO., 9 Barrack-street.

TO THE SUFFERING PUBLIC.—Boxing Day having been proclaimed to be Monday, the 28th instant, instead of Saturday, the 26th instant, we beg to inform our friends our STORES will be OPENED as usual on SATURDAY, and CLOSED on MONDAY.

WASHINGTON H. SOUL and CO., Pitt-street.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—Our Establishment will be OPEN as usual for the transaction of business on MONDAY, the 28th December.

DAHMS and CO., Jewellers, 108 Pitt-street.

ANGLO-CATHOLIC DEPOT, Central Arcade, will CLOSE from This (Thursday) Even. to Tuesday morn.

WANTED, by a young Squatter in North Queensland, a Lady PARTNER, with not less than £2000 cash, to join in station, with view to marriage. For full particulars apply to

A. LYALL, Palmerville, via Cooktown, N. Queensland.

EDWARD A. GABRIEL, Surgeon-Dentist, 25 York-street, Wynyard-square, may be consulted daily from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Gold-filling a Speciality.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—2000 CHAIRS for HIRE, John Lawler and Sons, 608 George-st.

R. BURGIS, TAILOR, 6 Imperial Arcade, Pitt-st.

WILLIAM BELL, Accountant and Trade Assignee, Trust Estates Managed. Beaumont-chambers, 56 King-street.

NOTICE.—The person who hired an 18ft. Cedar BOAT from Sid. Davis's, Whitehorse Point, on Sunday last, please return the same. Any person detaining the boat after this notice will be prosecuted.

SID. DAVIS.

December 23, 1891.

I HEREBY give notice that no person has any authority to collect rents for me after this notice.

FRANCIS KAY, Queen-street, Alexandria.

CAMPING and Picnic Parties and all persons are cautioned against Landing at the Fig-tree, Middle Harbour, without previously obtaining my permission.

T. S. M'CORMACK, 27 Rowe-street.

I APOLOGISE to ANNIE BARNETT for using insulting words towards her. ANNIE BEADIE.

ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS.

PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET (ONLY).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS:—

XMAS EVE (To-night) ... OPEN FOR THE CONVENIENCE of the PUBLIC.

FRIDAY (Xmas Day) ... REMAIN CLOSED.

SATURDAY (Boxing Day) REMAIN CLOSED.

MONDAY (the 28th instant) OPEN AS USUAL.

OUR GRAND XMAS CARNIVAL
OUR GRAND XMAS CARNIVAL

proceeds apace. As the great day draws near the plot thickens and the excitement intensifies. Where one man bought last week 20 are buying this, and where one woman was a few days ago devoting her whole soul to the choice of something for herself or somebody else, a score are on the job to-day.

MONEY FLOWS LIKE WATER.

Bank notes are as common as curlpapers in a young ladies' boarding school, while of gold and silver there appears enough to satisfy the wildest dreams of avarice. The RUSH FOR TOYS has been unique and tremendous, and favourite lines of all kinds, from TIN WHISTLES and cheap NOAH'S ARKS to TEN-GUINEA ROCKING HORSES and real LOCOMOTIVES, have been going off in a style that proves beyond the possibility of doubt that it is intended among a very large majority of the people that the children shall have their rights this XMAS TIME.

ALL OVER THE HOUSE OUR XMAS TRADE has assumed the same GIGANTIC PROPORTIONS.

There is no exception, positively none, right through the range of our departments. We have sold more SUMMER SUITS than ever. CRICKETING and other SPORTING raiment has been going off as if all the world were mad on cricket, boating, and other favourite pastimes, while BOOTS, by Jove—BOOTS of every kind, from Shoes for tiny toddlers to substantial BLUCHERS, dainty BALL-ROOM specialties and MASHER patents for young men of fashion and society, have been moving as if they were SEVEN LEAGUE BOOTS with a dozen electric imps in every one of them.

And it is all owing to the fact that it's
THE MERRY XMAS TIME
THE MERRY XMAS TIME,
and to the undoubted circumstance, admitted by all, that
ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS
are the best of all
XMAS CATERERS
XMAS CATERERS.

Look down where JEWELLERY is being sold, and where XMAS CARDS are being chosen, and then turn into the realms of

SUGAR AND SPICE
AND ALL THINGS NICE,

where the PLUMS and CURRANTS are being distributed by the TON, and the BONBONS and CAKES are going out by the waggonload. That will show you all about it, and tell you what people think of

THE ONLY UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS.
SUGAR FOR NOTHING!

Don't believe it—there's nothing of that kind with us. You pay for your SUGAR and you pay for your TEA, and get the best of both.

TRY OUR XMAS BLENDS
TRY OUR XMAS BLENDS.

They are delicious as they are cheap, perfect in flavour, as free from deleterious and hurtful mixtures—in short and in brief,

OUR TEA IS TEA
OUR TEA IS TEA,

and not the sweepings of warehouse floors and the scourings of the trade. BE WISE, PAY FOR YOUR SUGAR; YOU CAN'T GET IT OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR NOTHING.

ONLY ADDRESS—ANTHONY HORDERN AND SONS, PALACE EMPORIUM, HAYMARKET (ONLY), UNIVERSAL PROVIDERS, CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY STATION.

MAIZE, POTATOES, and CHAFF.

Some of our prices to-day:—

Maize, ex wharf, 2s 3d; ex store 2s 4d. WX Chaff Tasmanian Straw, 2s 9d cwt. Primest qualities only.

Green Chaff, 4s 6d. Sound New Potatoes, 1s.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT GRAIN and PRODUCE CASH CO., 39 Campbell-street, Haymarket, and 297 Sussex-street, between Market and Druitt streets.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

MY PREMISES
will be
OPEN
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JEWELLERY, WATCHES,
and many other
USEFUL and ORNAMENTAL
XMAS GIFTS
until 10 p.m.
on
WEDNESDAY
and
THURSDAY
EVENINGS,
the
23rd and 24th DECEMBER.

T. F. WIESENER, Jeweller, Watchmaker, and Optician, 334 GEORGE-STREET (between the G.P.O. and Hunter-street).

N.B.—Having landed all my Christmas Goods in November NO DUTY HAS BEEN ADDED. Freetrade Prices in Plain Figures.

TAKE NOTICE.—CLOSED on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, but OPEN on MONDAY.

OUR WAREHOUSE will be CLOSED on FRIDAY, 25th December, and SATURDAY, 26th, for the Christmas Holidays.

A. J. RILEY and CO., The Millinery and Underclothing Warehouse, 380 George-street.

THE WAREHOUSES of undersigned will be CLOSED from 4 p.m. THIS DAY until TUESDAY MORNING next, 29th instant.

ENOCH TAYLOR and CO., 22 York-street.

December 24th, 1891.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Mr. S. GEE, House and Estate Agent, wishes to announce that he has REMOVED his Office to No. 19 Oxford-street, city, where all accounts will be settled as usual on the 3rd of each month.

NORTH SHORE RAILWAY.

'Bus leaves Milson's Point at 8, 9.45, 2.35, 5.10; Saturday, extra, 1.10, catching every train to and from Chatswood, Hornsby, &c. No Sunday.

PAMBULA GOLDFIELD.

NOTICE.

On and after the 1st OCTOBER COBB and CO. will run a SPECIAL COACH to meet the boats to and from Sydney, to convey passengers to Pambula. All PARCELS and GOODS consigned through Cobb and Co. immediately delivered.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

GOLDSBROUGH, MORT, and Co., Limited, Wool, Grain, and Produce Brokers, Sheep and Cattle Salesmen, Stock and Station Agents.

CAPITAL, £6,000,000. Subscribed, £4,500,000. Paid up, £450,000. Reserve Fund, £225,000.

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The Hon. HENRY MORT, M.L.C., Chairman,
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GEORGE MAIDEN, Esq.,
LESLEY HERRING, Esq.

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WOOL STORES: Circular Quay, Pyrmont, and Darling Harbour.

OFFICES: Circular Quay.

GAS Stoves.—Raleigh's Paragon roasting, baking pastry, toasting, To-day, 11 till 1. 201 Elizabeth-st.

PARRAMATTA RIVER EXCURSIONS.—Most enjoyable trips on the harbour. See time-table.

Horses and Vehicles.

EVERY description of Buggies, Sulkies, Sociables, Village, Pony, and Spring Carts, Express Waggons, best English Harness, &c., both new and second-hand. M'NAMARA'S Horse Bazaar, 157 Castlereagh-street.

BRADLEY ROAD-CARTS, just unpacked. Kearey Brothers, importers, 252 Pitt-st.

LADIES' PHAETONS, single and double; Pony Phaetons; Buggies, single and double seat, in great variety, two-wheelers, new style, light and neat. KEAREY BROTHERS, 252 Pitt-street.

BUCKBOARDS.—Buckboards, just unpacked. Kearey Brothers, 252 Pitt-st.

MOORE'S Patent Brougham CABS are light, durable, elegant, cheapest cab made. Botany-st., Oxf.

BUGGIES, Phaetons, light Waggons, Riding Carts, H'ness, low prices. T. Moore and Son, Botany-st.

ANGUS AND SON, CARRIAGE BUILDERS, have always a large stock of Vehicles. Patentees of the Angus Buggy, Reversible Phaeton, and the Shaft Couplings. 73 and 75 CASTLEREAGH-STREET, near King-street.

BUCKBOARD Buggies, price £12 10s, £14 10s, ea., qual. guaran. Jewell, Davis, and Co., 171 Clar.-st.

FINE upstanding Roan Filly, rising 4, a good sort, do anything, cheap. John Hubbard, grocer, Lewisham.

FOR SALE, Village CART, with hood, patent axle, good order. 29 Union-st., Pyrmont.

BASKET or Pony PHAETON wanted, to carry 4, with one or two quiet PONIES and Harness, complete, in good order (must be cheap), for lady to drive with children. State price, particulars, and where seen, G. G., Herald.

FOR SALE, stylish Park Phaeton, complete, nearly new, cheap. Apply 24 Dunford-st., Paddington.

FOR SALE, PONY, sound, 4 years old, price £6, trial given. Apply 874 Harris-st., Ultimo.

FOR SALE, an upstanding HORSE, any trial. M. Boylson and Sons, 789 Darling-st., Balmain.

FOR SALE, first-class new SULKY, cheap. Corner Crown-rd. and Mary Ann st., Ultimo.

SUPERIOR style SULKY to be sold at Kiss's To-day, highly finished, all the usual extras.

WANTED, Boy's Saddle and Bridle, complete, cheap. Will inspect 2 p.m. to-day, at 50 Elizabeth-st.

MEDLOW, between Katoomba and Blackheath.—Sale of splen. Sites at station next Sat. R. and W., Ltd.

XMAS Holidays.—Splendid Picnic Grounds for family parties on the Parramatta River. See time-table.

MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE for nerves.

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MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE, free from injurious drugs.

MARSHALL'S TONIC NERVINE. 2s and 3s 6d. Refuse substitutes.

HORDERN'S, in PITT-STREET, will be Open TO-NIGHT until 10 p.m. for the convenience of our CUSTOMERS and the PUBLIC in GENERAL.

PITT-STREET TO-NIGHT WILL SHINE.

We also desire to state that, for the convenience of our Country Friends and Constituents (who are, we see, in town on a visit by thousands), we shall be open on MONDAY, DECEMBER the 28th (the Government ukase to the contrary notwithstanding), from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m.

HORDERN BROTHERS, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211 PITT-STREET, near KING-STREET and the G.P.O.

Personal.

ALICK.—Cannot get away; very sorry. Happy Xmas. Accept very best love. Write soon.

A TELEGRAM, addressed Wahl, Hotel Australia, Sydney, lies at Reuter's, 110 Pitt-st., awaiting delivery.

AUBREY DAVIS, DENTIST, 149 Elizabeth-st., near Market-st.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH, warranted to fit; natural appearance; old misfitting cases remodelled. Gas or Cocaine daily. Consultations free. J. L. MARSHALL, Dentist, Sydney Arcade (George and King streets).

A.—R. M. RILEY (late of the Detective Force), 51 and 53 Sydney Arcade. Inquiries of every description conducted with secrecy and despatch. Evidence procured in divorce and other cases. NEXT OF KIN AGENCY. Copies of Wills obtained. Estates collected in the United Kingdom and elsewhere by London Agents (a responsible firm of solicitors). Advances made (pending collection) to legatees and others beneficially entitled.

B. AND F. are requested to communicate with Jos, same hotel, Oxford-st.

D.—ALL right. Agreed to. J. S.

DRINK C. Oertel's delicious Lemonade, from Australian lemons. Cordial Works, 403 Pitt-st.

MARION'S newly-draped Studios, artistic Modern Portraiture at reform prices. George and Market sts.

MRS. DR. LLOYD, ACCOUCHEUSE, may be consulted on all the Maladies of Women—and the Accommodation for RESIDENT PATIENTS be inspected—daily from 11 to 3 (Saturdays 11 to 1), and 7 to 9 every evening, or by letter. Special medical attendance if required. 250 LIVERPOOL-ST., DARLINGHURST, SYDNEY.

NEW GERMAN FREEZER.

MORE TESTIMONIALS.

"2 Derwent-street, Forest Lodge, Sydney, 12th November, 1891.—Dear Sirs,—I never made ice cream before this morning, yet by following your printed instructions I was able to make delicious ice cream without any turning or trouble. I made quite a name in my family and friends for ice cream. I shall recommend them to all my friends.—J. PARTHAM. To T. A. Knight and Co., St. James's-chambers, King-street."

SPARKLING Maltrank, new summer drink, excels in flavour and wholesomeness. C. Oertel, 403 Pitt-st.

SECRET OF A BEAUTIFUL FACE, Registered.—This elegant Parisian Toilet Preparation forwarded to any address on receipt of 3s 6d. MAYNE, Chemist, 203 Oxford-street, Sydney.

UNCLAIMED CABLEGRAM from Chicago, addressed "Bant," Sydney, lying at the Chief Telegraph Office.

E. C. CRACKNELL, Superintendent.

VANDYCK'S Photos.—Highest class work guaranteed, cabinets 12s 6d doz. 452 George-st. (over Hunter's).

WANTED, Address Mrs. Keating, who left London 7 yrs. ago. A. Kent, 6 Murray-ter., Pyrmont, Syd.

WOULD JOHN SHERLOCK, late of Milltown House, Banagher, Ireland, communicate with his Nieces, late of the same place, who are most anxious to hear from him. Address Post-office, Bazaldine, Q. C. Railway, Queensland.

YOUR Invalid Friend's Xmas Box is Meier's Invalid PORT, Trocadero, 63, 65 King-st., Newtown.

Lost and Found.

LOST, Tuesday night, in Queen-st., small Gold RING. Reward. Mr. Hart, 164 Queen-st., W'hara.

LOST, silver Match-box, in Pitt-st., betw. Bridge-st. and Hamilton-lane. Rew. H. H. C., 28 Hunter-st.

LOST, small Gold-bar BROOCH, half-moon across centre. Reward. 322 Park-road, Paddington.

LOST, between ferry and Centennial Hall, Maltese Lace Handkerchief. Learmouth, Dickinson, Marg't-st.

LOST, Promissory NOTE, payable F. Dyer. Please return, down the steps, George-st., opp. railway.

LOST, on Friday, in tram or train, a brown Leather PURSE, containing silver and pearl fruit knife, memoranda, and money. Finder may keep money. Please address Box 1334, G.P.O.

LOST or Mislaid, CERTIFICATE A 171, 13 Packages personal effects, warehoused, Macquarie Warehouse, 14th October, 1890. The public are hereby cautioned against negotiating same. S. W. ELMES.

LOST, PURSE, between Carrington-street and Pitt-street, containing about £8 and papers. Reward on returning to 24 Wynyard-square.

ONE POUND.—LOST, on Sunday, the 20th, one Black HORSE, branded JM (conjoined) near shoulder; one Bay, Bald-faced MARE, one white off front foot and two white hind feet.

W. HALE, Druitt Town, Liverpool-road.

REWARD.—Lost, Purse, in George-st., nr. Liverpool-st. Send to Burnet, news agent, Oxford-st., Pad.

REWARD.—Lost, lady's Gold WATCH and Chain, city, last evening. Royal Exchange, King, Geo. sts.

TEN SHILLINGS REWARD.—LOST, in Oxford-street 'bus, between 7 and half-past yesterday evening, Gentleman's Black HANDBAG containing papers, brooch, &c. Return to THOMSON BROS., 3 Moore-street.

WILL Cabman please leave Jacket, left in cab by lady Sunday Pict. Gal., at Belmont Club, Wy'yard-sq.

FOUND, Terrier SLUT, collar and name on. Owner can have same. 20 Aubin-st., Neutral Bay.

NEWTOWN POUND.—One large BULL for SALE THIS DAY, at noon sharp.

Religious Announcements.

THE CLERGY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND for the DIOCESE of SYDNEY.

TO-MORROW (Christmas Day), the 25th instant, COLLECTIONS will be made in the Cathedral and in most of Anglican Churches on BEHALF of the FUND.

The Fund is at present paying pensions to nine widows and seven orphans. The sum of £4,888 12s 10d has since its formation been paid as pensions to widows and orphans of the clergy. The capital exceeds £20,000.

Subscriptions and donations are earnestly invited from the laity.

WILLIAM BLAIR, Secretary.

Anglican-chambers, 176 Pitt-street.

CHRIST CHURCH, S. LAURENCE, SYDNEY, FEAST of the NATIVITY, 1891.—THURSDAY, 24th, Xmas Eve, Festal Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Anthem: "There were Shepherds" (Winchester). Xmas Day—Holy Communion, 6 a.m. and 7.30 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 10 a.m. Preacher, Rev. C. F. Garnsey. Full Choral Celebration, 11.15. (Service, Mack in C). Festal Evensong and Sermon, 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. C. S. Smith. Service, Tours in F. Anthem: The Xmas numbers from "The Messiah."

ST. BARNABAS', GEORGE-STREET WEST.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and midday.

Morning Preacher, Rev. W. MARTIN, B.A., Incumbent.

Evening (7.45) Preacher, Rev. D. RUTLEDGE, M.D.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS by a full Choir will be sung during the evening.

ST. JOHN'S, DARLINGHURST. CHRISTMAS DAY.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and after morning service.

11 a.m.: The Rev. A. M. MAYNARD, M.A.

7.30 p.m.: CAROL SERVICE.

Special Collections for the Sydney and Prince Alfred Hospitals and the Hospitals' Chaplaincy Fund.

ARTHUR W. PAIN, Incumbent.

ROBERT HILLS, WILFRID L. DOCKER, GEORGE J. AIREY, Churchwardens.

TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Strathfield.

Divine SERVICE will be held on XMAS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

Preacher—Rev. GEORGE LITTLEMORE.

PETERSHAM Congregational Church, Croydon-st.—Rev. W. Allen, pastor. Service, to-mor. morn., 11.

BURTON-STREET Tabernacle, Woolloomooloo, Baptist Church.—Christmas Day, service at 11 a.m. Come and hear the Carols at 8 p.m., when the Rev. W. E. Hiddlestone will give his song, "An Old English Christmas."

WOMEN'S Prayer Union meets every Thursday, 3 p.m., Temp. Hall, Pitt-st. An. Conf. N. Year's Eve.

GOSPEL BOOK, TRACT, and BIBLE DEPOT, 249 Castlereagh-street, near Liverpool-street. Valuable BOOKS and BIBLES for PRESENTS. Are you Saved? Remember, Christ is Coming.

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XMAS Holidays.—Splendid Picnic Grounds for family parties on the Parramatta River. See time-table.

Government Railways.

CLOSING OF CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE, GEORGE-STREET, and REDFERN and DARLING HARBOUR GOODS SHEDS.

On FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 25th and 26th December, the Central Booking Office, George-street, will be OPENED for the delivery of perishables between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Goods will not be received or delivered at the Redfern and Darling Harbour Sheds, but arrangements will be made to deliver perishables at Darling Harbour up to 10 a.m.

On MONDAY, 28th December, the Central Office and Redfern and Darling Harbour Goods Sheds will be opened as usual.

ROSEHILL RACES, 24th DECEMBER.

SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Sydney for the Rosehill Racecourse as under:—

First-class, 1.31 and 1.33 p.m., from Nos. 9 and 10 platforms; second-class, 1.4 p.m., from No. 8 platform; and for horses at 12 noon. The 1.33 p.m. Special will pick up passengers at Strathfield.

SPECIAL TRAINS will leave Rosehill on the return journey as follows:—First-class, 4.55 and 5.1 p.m.; second-class, 4.56 p.m.

Return Fares as under:—

First-class to Grand Stand, 12s 6d; first-class to Grand Stand (ladies), 5s; second-class, to Leger, 4s; first-class to platform, 3s; second-class to platform, 2s.

Tickets can be obtained at the Central Booking Office, George-street; Tramway Office, Bent-street; and also at the ticket windows on Nos. 8 and 9 platforms, Redfern Station, which will be open from 12 noon until 1.33 p.m.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, 1891-92.

TICKET ARRANGEMENTS.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued as under:—

From all Stations to all Stations distant over 50 miles from each other, by all trains until FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1892, inclusive; available for return until SATURDAY, the 30th January, 1892.

At all other Stations for distances not exceeding 50 miles similar tickets will be issued until FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1892, inclusive; available for return for one week from date of issue.

INTERCOLONIAL FARES.

FROM MELBOURNE TO BRISBANE, AND VICE VERSA.
FIRST-CLASS, RETURN, £10; SECOND-CLASS, RETURN, £6 17s 6d.

Will be issued until FRIDAY, the 1st January, 1892, inclusive; available for return for three months; and a break in Sydney during time for which ticket is available. The journey may be broken at other stations.

FROM SYDNEY TO BRISBANE, AND VICE VERSA.
FIRST-CLASS, RETURN, £5; SECOND-CLASS, RETURN, £3.

Will be issued until MONDAY, 4th January, 1892, inclusive; available for return till the 30th January, 1892. The journey may be broken at any station for one week, but the outward journey must be completed within nine days from the date of issue of the ticket.

FROM SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE AND VICE VERSA.
FIRST-CLASS, RETURN, £5 6s 6d; SECOND-CLASS, RETURN, £4 1s.

Will be issued until FRIDAY, 1st January, 1892, inclusive; available for return by Mail Train (only) for two months. Passengers wishing to travel by the Express to pay the difference between the Ordinary and Holiday Excursion rates, viz., 15s First-class, and 10s Second-class.

FROM SYDNEY TO ADELAIDE, AND VICE VERSA.
FIRST-CLASS, RETURN, £7 6s 3d; SECOND-CLASS, RETURN, £4 19s.

Will be issued until FRIDAY, 1st January, 1892, inclusive, available for return for two months. Holders to be allowed to travel by Express. The journey allowed to be broken in Melbourne during time for which ticket is available.

Cheap Return Excursion Tickets, at 2d per mile First-class (minimum 5s), and 1d per mile Second-class (minimum 2s 6d), will also be issued at Sydney and Suburban Stations.

ALTERED RUNNING OF TRAINS on the MAIN SUBURBAN LINE.

THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

The 1.17 p.m. Saturday trains, Sydney to Homebush, will run on this date.
The 1.30 p.m. train, Sydney to Penrith, will run as on Saturdays.
The 1.32 p.m. Saturday's train, Sydney to Parramatta, will run on this date.
The 4.37 p.m. train, Sydney to Homebush, will not run.
The 4.35 p.m. train, Sydney to Homebush, will call at all intermediate stations.
The 4.57 p.m. train, Sydney to Strathfield, will not run.
The 4.55, 5.25, and 5.5 p.m. trains, Sydney to Homebush, will call at all intermediate stations.
The 5.27 and 6 p.m. trains, Sydney to Petersham, will not run.

SOUTH COAST LINE.

The 9.40 p.m. (Saturday's train), Sydney to Hurstville, will run on this date.
The 10.50 p.m. train, Sydney to Hurstville, will be extended to Como.
The 11.35 p.m. Saturday's train, Sydney to Sutherland, will run on this date.
A special train will leave Hurstville at 10.35 p.m. for Sydney, calling at all stations.

MAIN SUBURBAN LINE.

FRIDAY, 25th DECEMBER, 1891.

The following trains will not run:—
The 5.30 a.m. train, Sydney to Parramatta.
The 5.50 and 6.55 a.m. trains, Sydney to Homebush.
The 5.0, 6.20, 6.50, 7.15, 10.5, and 10.38 a.m. and 2.5 p.m. trains, Homebush to Sydney.
The 6.5 a.m. train, Strathfield to Sydney.
The 7.25, 8.10, 8.20, 8.28, and 9.15 a.m. and 5.20 p.m. trains, Petersham to Sydney.

The 5.35 a.m. train, Sydney to Homebush, will be extended to Parramatta, calling at all stations.
The 5.55 a.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney, will call at intermediate stations between Strathfield and Sydney, and be due to reach Sydney at 6.52 a.m.
The 7.30 a.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney, will call at all intermediate stations and be due to reach Sydney at 8.23 a.m.
The 8.0 a.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will call at all stations and be due to reach Sydney at 8.34 a.m.
The 8.10 a.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will also call at Petersham.
The 4.50 p.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will call at all intermediate stations.

SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER, 1891.

The following trains will not run—
The 5.30 a.m. train, Sydney to Parramatta.
The 5.50 and 6.55 a.m. trains, Sydney to Homebush.
The 12.28 p.m. train, Sydney to Granville.
The 12.50, 1.7, 1.17, 1.27, and 2.7 p.m. trains, Sydney to Homebush.
The 1.18 and 1.40 p.m. trains, Sydney to Petersham.
The 5.0, 6.20, 6.50, 7.15, and 10.5 a.m., and 2.5 p.m. trains, Homebush to Sydney.
The 6.5 a.m. train, Strathfield to Sydney.
The 7.25, 8.10, 8.20, 8.28, and 9.15 a.m., and 2.5, 5.20 p.m. trains, Petersham to Sydney.
The 1.25 p.m. train, Granville to Sydney.
The 1.30 p.m. train, Homebush to Sydney.
The 1.55 p.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney.

A Special Relief Train will leave Parramatta for Sydney at 10.20 a.m., call only at Harris Park, Granville, Clyde, and Homebush.
The 1.5, 1.35, and 2.5 p.m. trains, Sydney to Homebush, will call at all stations and run as on other days; the 1.5 p.m. also terminating at Homebush.
The 5.35 a.m. train, Sydney to Homebush, will be extended to Parramatta, calling at all stations.
The 5.55 a.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney, will call at intermediate stations between Strathfield and Sydney, and be due to reach Sydney at 6.52 a.m.
The 7.30 a.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney, will call at all intermediate stations, and be due to reach Sydney at 8.24 a.m.
The 8.0 a.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will call at all stations, and be due to reach Sydney at 8.34 a.m.
The 8.10 a.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will also call at Petersham.
The 4.50 p.m. train, Homebush to Sydney, will call at all intermediate stations.
The 5.0 p.m. train, Parramatta to Sydney (Saturdays excepted), will run on this date, but call only at Harris Park, Granville, Clyde, Auburn, Rookwood, and Homebush, and be due at Sydney at 5.46 p.m.
After 4.0 p.m. on the 25th, 26th DECEMBER, 1891, the service will be the same as on Saturdays, with the exception that the 5.20 p.m., Petersham to Sydney, will not run, and the 4.50 p.m. from Homebush call at all stations to Sydney.

Further particulars can be obtained from all Stationmasters.

By order of the Commissioners.
H. M'LACHLAN,
Secretary.

Sydney, December 23, 1891.

Tramways Manager's Office,
22nd December, 1891.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

COOK'S RIVER-ROAD LINE.

FROM NEWTOWN BRIDGE TO ST. PETER'S BRIDGE.

The above Section will be OPENED FOR TRAFFIC on THURSDAY, the 24th instant, the first tram leaving Newtown Bridge at 5.5 p.m., connecting with the Newtown trams. Copies of Time Table may be obtained at the Ticket Offices, Bent-street, King-street, [illegible], Liverpool-street, and Railway Station, Redfern.

By order of the Commissioners.
H. M'LACHLAN, Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

SPECIAL TRAM ARRANGEMENTS.

RANDWICK RACES,
26th and 28th DECEMBER, 1891, and 1st and 2nd JANUARY, 1892.

A Special Tram, suitable for private parties and ladies, will leave BRIDGE-STREET for the Racecourse direct as under:—
26th December, 1891.—Depart 11.30 a.m.
28th December, 1891.—Depart 12 noon.
1st and 2nd January, 1892.—Depart 12 noon.
and arrive in time for the first race, departing from Randwick after the finish of the last race. Passengers are requested to ENTER the Cars from the BRIDGE-STREET PLATFORM. Return Tickets, 2s 6d each, may be obtained at the Ticket Office, Bridge-street.

SPECIAL FARES TO RANDWICK RACES.

On the above dates the fare by Special Trams (other than those above referred to) to the Racecourse for the whole or any portion of the journey will be One Shilling.

SPECIAL TRAMS, via CLEVELAND-STREET.

For the convenience of railway passengers and others, Special Trams will run between the Railway and the Randwick Racecourse, leaving the Railway Steps, Devonshire-street, at 11.10, 11.30, and 11.50 a.m.; 12.10, 12.37, 1.10, 1.37, and 2.10 p.m., returning after the finish of the last race. Fare for the whole OR ANY PORTION OF THE JOURNEY will be ONE SHILLING.

Special attention is drawn to the fact that the Ordinary Trams from Randwick will stop at the Racecourse and Kensington Platforms up to 3 p.m., BUT NOT BETWEEN 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Trams from Sydney will NOT stop at the above platforms between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

HIGHLAND GATHERING, 1st JANUARY, 1892.

Special Trams will be run at frequent intervals between Bent-street and the Association Cricket Ground, via Oxford-street, and Special Trams will be in waiting for the arrival of the principal Trains, and will run between the Railway Steps and the Association Cricket Ground, via Cleveland-street. Fares, by cash or ticket, 3d each.

BONDI AQUARIUM.

Special Trams will be run at frequent intervals between Bent-street and Bondi Aquarium.

COOGEE AQUARIUM.

Special Trams will be run at frequent intervals between Bent-street and Coogee Aquarium, via Oxford-street, and between the Railway Steps and Coogee Aquarium, via Cleveland-street.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1891.

All Trams (with the exception of the Railway and Ashfield trams) will run as on Sundays up to 1 p.m., after which time the ordinary week day running will be adhered to.

BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Botany Line.—On the above days Trams will leave Bent-street every half-hour between 9.6 a.m. and 7.6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1891, AND NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Late trams will run as follows:—

CHRISTMAS EVE.
Dep.: Bent-street, 11.25 and 11.40 p.m., for Waverley.
11.28 for Waterloo.
11.30 for Dulwich Hill.
11.40 for Leichhardt.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.
Dep.: Bent-street, 12.15 a.m. for Waverley, Waterloo, Dulwich Hill, and Leichhardt.

By order of the Commissioners.
H. M'LACHLAN,
Secretary.

Sydney, 18th December, 1891.

Government Notices.

General Post Office,
Sydney, December 23, 1891.

ATTENTION is directed to Gazette Notices inviting TENDERS for—
1. Conveyance of Mails between Gundagai and Bongongolong, Bungendore and Lower Gundaroo, and Currabubula and Clifton Station.
2. Site for Post and Telegraph Office, Bateman's Bay.

Tenders will be received up to 11 a.m. on the 6th proximo, and must be addressed to the Secretary to the Post Office, Sydney.

JOHN KIDD.

O. H. M. S.

Staff Quartermaster's,
December 22, 1891.

NOTICE.

TENDERS are invited until noon on the 30th instant for the Supply of Fuel to the General Staff for the year commencing 1st January, 1892. Further information and printed form of contract may be obtained on application to the Staff Quartermaster, Victoria Barracks, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

By order.
JAS. LITTLE, Lieut.,
Staff Quartermaster.

Amusements

THE COMING EVENT.

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SHERIDAN'S
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VIENNA
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ENTERTAINMENTS.

GRAND ORCHESTRA.
60 ARTISTS 60
Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON, Conductor.
Leader—Herr H. Rosendorff.

Solo (bassoon)	Phil. Langdale
Solo (flute)	Jno. Lemmone
Solo (clarionette)	Richard Clive
Solo (violoncello)	Mr. Theo. Liebe
Solo (contra-bass)	L. A. Benvenuti.

The following Artists have been specially engaged:—
Miss AMANDA CORCORAN
(Soprano).

Mr. JULES SIMONSEN
(Tenor).

THE SISTERS BLAIR,
Rosy and Daisy,
REFINED CHARACTER DUETTISTS.
Mr. RICHARD W. NITSCHKE,
Baritone.

DON MANUEL LOPEZ,
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The universal favourite Comedienne,
Miss GRACIE WHITEFORD,
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The Premier Step and Eccentric Dancers and Comedians
CHARLES } BOVIS. { WILLIAM
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Premier Danseuse.
Mr. BERTIE MORPHY,
Descriptive and Comic Vocalist.
Misses AUSTIN, WILLIAM,
and
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A BRILLIANT PROGRAMME.
CLASSICAL and POPULAR MUSIC.
Bright Songs, Graceful Dancing,
and
SPECTACULAR EFFECTS.

The whole under the Direction of
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who will appear each evening in some of his Original Songs, Sketches, &c.
SEE SATURDAY'S PAPERS FOR FULL PROGRAMME.

THE POLYTECHNIC,

IMPERIAL ARCADE, PITT-STREET.
THE GARDEN PALACE OF PLEASURE,
covering an acre of ground.
Cool in the Hottest of Weather.

TWO STAGE PERFORMANCES DAILY.
Music, Mirth, and Harmony.
Open TO-DAY (Thursday) at 2.30 p.m.

Afternoon Performance at 3 o'clock.
Evening Performance at 8 o'clock.

Seating Accommodation for 1000 people.

VAST PROMENADE.
Look out for our Great Xmas Novelties.
THE FAUST FAMILY.
JACK and JILL.
THE FIGHTING KANGAROO AND HIS MATE.

ADMISSION—ONE SHILLING.

POLYTECHNIC RACING CLUB.

THE FIRST SHEFFIELD HANDICAP,
on entirely
NEW PRINCIPLES,
will take place
on the 2nd JANUARY.

Entries, 1s, will be received by DONALD BLYTH every morning, from 10 till 11 o'clock, at the POLYTECHNIC (Castlereagh-street Entrance), During which time the METHOD of RACING will be FULLY EXPLAINED.

BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26.

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SAILING RACES

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COLOURED SAILS.

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ROWING RACES AND SPORTS OF ALL KINDS.

Steamers leave No. 3 Jetty,
Circular Quay.
A. THOMAS, Hon. Secretary.

PARRAMATTA RIVER EXCURSIONS.—Most enjoyable trips of the harbour. See time-table.

GO and see the New Starting Machine at Lillie Bridge on Xmas Afternoon and Boxing Night.

MEDLOW, between Katoomba and Blackheath.—Sale of splen. Sites at station next Sat. R. and W., Ltd.

CRITERION THEATRE.

Lessees ... ... Mr. Brough and Mr. Boucicault.
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Under the Direction of
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THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE
CAUSING QUITE A FURORE.

J. C. WILLIAMSON'S
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Now in the Third Week
of
AN ASSURED and COMPLETE SUCCESS.

THE COSY CRITERION
Nightly
FILLED TO ITS UTMOST CAPACITY.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
What shall we do with our boys to-night!
Send them to see the Juvenile Pirates.
What shall we do with our girls?
Send them with the boys.

THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock.
LAST NIGHT BUT ONE.

THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE,
produced under the direction
of
Mr. TOM POLLARD.

SATURDAY, BOXING NIGHT.

GRAND CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION.

Audran's charming work,
LA MASCOTTE
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which will be produced on a Complete and Elaborate Scale.

GRAND MARCHES.
BALLET DIVERTISSEMENT.

Five Complete Changes. Parisian Costumes.
GORGEOUS COSTUMES.
MAGNIFICENT SCENERY.
FULL OPERA ORCHESTRA.
Conductor ... ... Mr. HALL.
Box Plan at Nicholson's.
PRICES: 5s, 3s, 2s, 1s. Carriages may be ordered for 10.30.

MEDCALFE'S AGENCY,

55 Hunter-street, corner of Elizabeth-street.
MUSIC, EDUCATION, DRAMA.
Engagements effected for every description of High-class Talent, from 10 to 2 daily.
Mr. HARRY LESTON,
Elocution, Dramatic Art, Dialects, Blank Verse. Pupils 2 till 5 p.m.; or at 5 Hunter-street from 10 till 1.
APPLICANTS for appointment of Governess to WILLIAMSON'S JUVENILE OPERA COMPANY are informed that the position has been filled. MEDCALFE'S AGENCY, 55 Hunter-street.

COOGEE PALACE AQUARIUM.

XMAS DAY. XMAS DAY.

GRAND SACRED CONCERT.
THE HIGHEST TALENT ENGAGED.

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UP IN A BALLOON.
DOWN BY A PARACHUTE.
10,000ft. in the CLOUDS.
FERNANDEZ, the Hero of 70 Ascents.
The Aerial Dare Devil. Who Cares!!
£20 Reward to the crew of the boat that returns the Aeronaut safely to the Aquarium.
IMMENSE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.
Quality, not Quantity.
1001 DAILY ATTRACTIONS. 1001
The Latest—a Freak of Nature—a Three-legged Calf.
The Dingo (native dog) and Monkey, an amusing pair.
Performing Snakes and a whole Zoo.
5000 Denizens of the Mighty Deep on view, but the great majority are still in the bay.
If you wish good value and everything enjoyable,
go to
COOGEE PALACE AQUARIUM.

Admission, 1s; children, 6d.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME.

THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG,
OPEN DAILY, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
(CHRISTMAS DAY, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.),
by collect on only,
when will be rendered
THE GREAT AMERICAN HYMN,
by the Full Choir.

NIGHT ON THE BATTLEFIELD,
with the
TERRIBLE THUNDERSTORM,
and the
BOMBARDMENT, the OLD GUARD,
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SPECIAL HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS.

Lectures at 12 noon, 3 and 8 in the evening.
Conversational Lectures hourly.

THE FAIRY DELL,
superbly illuminated by thousands of lamps, all shapes, sizes, and colours, artistically festooned within and without this monstrous building.

TWO FULL BANDS, and CONCERT in the EVENING.

Do not miss this Beautiful Sight.

GEORGE-STREET, opposite the Railway.

N.B.—The Christmas Lollies given away to the children at the Cyclorama are of the purest kind.

PARRAMATTA RIVER EXCURSIONS.—Most enjoyable trips on the harbour. See time-table.

GRAND BOXING DAY MARINE EXCURSION.

Terra Incognita, Fresh Fields and Pastures New.
Birthplace of the One Man One Vote Bill.

The Newcastle S.S. Company, Limited, will (weather permitting), on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m., dispatch their fast and favourite steamer,
SYDNEY, 650 tons register,
to PORT HACKING,
the Gateway of the famous NATIONAL PARK,
one of the Most Delightful RETREATS in the Colony.

Excursionists will be landed at the New Public Wharf, near Simpson's Hotel, adjoining the National Park; and will be landed in Sydney on return about 8 o'clock p.m.
Plenty of wild flowers available, capital fishing ground, pleasant river scenery, and boating. Ocean beach within a short distance.
Refreshments and Luncheon procurable on board at reasonable rates.

BRASS BAND ENGAGED.

Return Fares—
Adults, 5s; children, half-price.

H. D. PORTUS,
Manager.

POPULAR OCEAN AND RIVER EXCURSION.

TO CAREEL BAY, PITTWATER, HAWKESBURY RIVER,
on
BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 26, 1891.

The favourite P.S. NEWCASTLE, the largest, most commodious, and fastest steamer of her type in Australia, will (weather permitting) leave Lime-street Wharf, foot of Erskine-street, at 10 a.m. on the above date, for Careel Bay, the most picturesque part of Pittwater, Broken Bay. Excursionists will have ample time ashore for Picknicking and enjoying the beauties of the scenery. Grand Sea Beach within a short distance, and the famous Mammoth Cave, the Hole in the Wall is within easy walking distance. Famous Schnapper Fishing Grounds at the Rocks fronting The Hole in the Wall.
Plenty of Fresh Water available.
Abundance of Wild Flowers and Ferns.

Excursionists will be landed in Sydney on return about 8 p.m. Efficient Brass Band engaged.

Refreshments and Luncheon on board at reasonable rates.

Return Fares—Adults, 3s; Children under 12, Half-price.

H. D. PORTUS,
Manager Newcastle S.S. Company, Limited.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY,

MONDAY, the 28th DECEMBER, 1891.

POPULAR EXCURSIONS
to
BROKEN BAY, HAWKESBURY RIVER, and NEWPORT,
from Hunter River New S.N. Co.'s (Ltd.) Wharf,
foot of Market-street (weather permitting),
at 10 a.m. sharp,
the magnificent paddle-wheel passenger steamer
MAITLAND, 880 tons,
LANDING EXCURSIONISTS at the Newport Hotel
Wharf for about four hours.
LUNCHEON and REFRESHMENTS on Board at
Moderate Rates.
COLDSTREAM BAND ENGAGED.
5s. RETURN FARES 5s.
TICKETS obtainable at EASTWAY'S, King-street; Offices, 401 George-street (opposite Royal Hotel); and 147 Sussex-street.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS,

MOORE PARK.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

The best, and by far the cheapest place, to go to with a large family is the "Zoo."
The best place for a picnic is decidedly the "Zoo."
The best place by far to take children to is the "Zoo."
Therefore, by all means take the children to the "Zoo."

Visitors to Sydney should make a point of seeing the "Zoo," when they will thoroughly enjoy themselves inspecting the Society's
Magnificent Menagerie of
Monkeys and Baboons,
Lions,
Tigers,
Leopards and Pumas,
Hyenas and Bears,
Squirrels and Badgers,
Elephants and Camels,
Zebra and Deer,
Pure West Highland Cattle,
Kangaroos and Opossums,
Eagles, Hawks, Vultures and Owls,
Cockatoos, Parrots, Parrakeets, C. aurea, and Macaws,
Gold and Silver Pheasants, Chukar Partridges,
Quail, Rail, and Pigeons,
Indian and Australian Pelicans,
Black Swans, White Swans, Ducks, and Coots,
Snakes, Lizards, and Tortoises.

Children can ride on the Elephant, Pony, and Soudan Donkey.

At 3 p.m., the Elephants "Jumbo," "Jessie," and "Toby" will be put through their wonderful performance by their keeper, Mr. James Burrowes.

The Lions, Tigers, Leopards, and Pumas will be fed at 4 p.m. The Pelicans will be fed at 4.30 p.m.

Refreshments can be obtained at moderate prices at Messrs. Quong Tart and Co.'s Pavilion.

Admission to the gardens, 6d; children, 3d.

Randwick and Coogee trams stop at the gate. Fare, 3d; children, 1d.

FISHING TACKLE.—Go to Eastway's, King-st. only.

FOR FISHING TACKLE go to the old house, King-st. only.

SPORTS.—Go to Eastway's in King-st. for your LINES, ready for use. G. R. Eastway, sen.

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Sole Lessee and Manager ... ... Mr. Geo. Rignold
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Treasurer ... ... Mr. C. R. Bailey.

FREE LIST ENTIRELY SUSPENDED: Press excepted.
This rule will be strictly enforced.

TO-NIGHT
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TO-NIGHT,
THURSDAY (CHRISTMAS EVE), DECEMBER 24,
will be presented, at 7.45,
the
Great, Gigantic, Glamorous, Glorious, Gladsome, Grand,
and
GORGEOUS CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME
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entitled
BABES IN THE WOOD BABES
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WOOD, BABES IN THE WOOD,
BOLD ROBIN HOOD AND HIS
FORESTERS GOOD.
Written and arranged for this Theatre by
Mr. Frank Ayrton.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
of
Miss
MAGGIE MOORE
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MAGGIE MOORE.
(A whole pantomime in herself),
Miss BELLA BASHALL
(her first appearance in Australia),
and
THE FOLLOWING POWERFUL COMBINATION:

Miss Madge Seymour	Mr. Frank Ayrton
Miss Bessie Rignold	Mr. Geo. P. Carey
Miss Rosa Conroy	Mr. Martyn Hapon (his first appearance at this theatre)
Miss Fanny Reynolds	Mr. J. W. Sweeney
Miss Rosa Solomon	Mr. Joe Tolano
Miss Freda Branden	Mr. F. Harcourt
Miss Nellie St. John	Mr. Arthur Rigby
Miss Tress Hartley	Mr. A. J. Iviney
Miss Eileen Harvey	Mr. Cecil Forde
Miss Amy De La Vere	Mr. L. Sydney
Miss Nellie Winfred	
Miss Lillie Brandon	

and
The LESLIE BROTHERS
The LESLIE BROTHERS,
(specially engaged).

SYNOPSIS of SCENERY and EVENTS:
ACT I.—SCENE 1. THE HOME OF PANTOMIME
(Owen.)
Goodheart is champion of Christmas and guardian of our babes—Departure for the earth to work their spells.
SCENE 2. EXTERIOR OF SHERWOOD CASTLE.
(Owen.)
Harvest holiday and Queen of the festival—Sir Rupert confesses his love—Bold Robin Hood to the rescue—"True as the day"—A bungled burglary—Robin's return and capture by the spiteful Sheriff—Marian's distress—The magic bugle call—Tuck and the Foresters for freedom—The Babes' remorse and Robin's release.
SCENE 3. THE NURSERY AND SCHOOLROOM.
(Owen.)
Marian molested—Her guardian's gruesome grudge—Trouble vanish like "Shadows on the Wall"—Boys and girls come out to play—Nursey gets more kicks than ha'pence—"Going from the Happy Home."
SCENE 4. PATH THROUGH THE FOREST. (Clint.)
Enchanting Echoes—Scarlett's sorceress and Love's letter—Beseeching Babes—The vacillating villain.
SCENE 5. UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE.
(Clint.)
The forester's retreat—The deadly duel—Recognition—The lost babes, seeking subtle sleep—Envy's envenomed enchantment—The winding sheet of snow—Goodheart's gracious gift, the coverlid of leaves.
SCENE 6. UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE.
(Clint.)
Grand ballet of beautiful birds and revels in the snow.
ACT 2.—SCENE 1. OUTSIDE SIR RUPERT'S CASTLE. (Owen.)
The masked and muffled marauders—Entrance effected—Robin's refrain—Marian's midnight meeting—Tuck's "special" spree—Sir Rupert's ruminations—"Help! Murder! Thieves!"—Concerted consternation.
SCENE 2. UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE.
(Clint.)
Repentant recreants—Sir Rupert's reproaches—A price promised for Robin Hood—Bouncing babes—Marian's surprise—Robin on the spot—The babes' protector.
SCENE 3. SIR RUPERT'S LIBRARY. (Owen).
The sheriff turns politician pro tem.—Robin's little ruse—The hypnotised infants—A mysterious disappearance—A happy hero.
SCENE 4. THE LAND OF NID NOD. (Owen).
Cosy cots (?)—Envy still at work—Goodheart's intervention.
SCENE 5. THE FAIRY DOLLS' HOUSE AND TOYLAND. (Clint.)
Its contents—Envy's trick—Hate and Malice and their fire feats—The fairy fountain and grand toy review.
ACT 3.—SCENE 1. THE BARONIAL HALL.
(Owen.)
Happy babes—A pretty maiden's duty—Grand bridal procession—Grand speciality entertainment and Watteau ballet.
SCENE 2. ANTE-CHAMBER IN SHERWOOD CASTLE.
Sir Rupert's temptation—A dark history is brought to light—Restored relatives—Robin's recompense—A free pardon—The babes are saved.

GRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE. (Clint.)

HARLEQUINADE.

Clown	Mr. FRANK AYRTON
Pantaloon	Mr. JOE TOLANO
Harlequin	Mr. L. SYDNEY
Policeman	Mr. C. KEIGHTLEY
Columbine	Miss OSBORNE
Mrs. Mulrooney	Mr. C. FORDE.

MAGNIFICENT and BEAUTIFUL BALLETS,

SUPERB and COSTLY DRESSES,
STAGE PICTURES OF DAZZLING SPLENDOUR,
by CLINT and OWEN,
assisted by E. LAKE.

The music composed and arranged by Mr. Frank Eugarde.
The Grand Ballets and Incidental Dances arranged by Miss Madge Seymour and Mr. Frank Ayrton.
The Properties by Mr. R. Phillips and Assistants.
The Costumes executed by Mrs. Buckley and Staff.
General Designer, Mr. Arthur Fredericks.
The Mechanical Effects by Messrs. Lock, Fletcher, Osborne, Dudley, and Staff.
The Electric and Lime Light Effects by Messrs. J. Thompson, Heaton, and Staff.
Consulting Engineer, Mr. E. Hundy.

PANTOMIME BOX PLAN
NOW OPEN in the vestibule of the theatre, where dress circle and stall seats may be reserved six days in advance.
Prices—5s, 3s, 2s, 1s; reserved stalls, 4s.
Ordinary doors open 7. Carriages 11.
Early doors open 6.30, 1s extra.
J. P. MACDONALD,
Acting Manager.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.
BOXING DAY
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In response to numerous applications a
GRAND MORNING PERFORMANCE
will be given at 2 o'clock precisely.

Children Half-price to all parts, excepting the Gallery.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

Mr. GEO. RIGNOLD
has pleasure in announcing that he has made arrangements with Mr. CHARLES HUENERBEIN
for
A GRAND SACRED CONCERT
A GRAND SACRED CONCERT
on
CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
of
Miss ANNIS MONTAGUE
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and
Mr. CHARLES TURNER
Mr. CHARLES TURNER.

Miss NELLIE YOUNG Miss VIOLETTE
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Mrs. RILEY
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Mr. HALLEWELL Mr. RAINFORD
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Instrumentalists:
Miss LOTTIE HYAM, Mr. ALLPRESS, Mr. STRAUS.
Miss LOTTIE HYAM, Mr. ALLPRESS, Mr. STRAUS.

CONDUCTOR ... ... Mr. CHARLES HUENERBEIN.

PROGRAMME.
1. Christmas Hymn—"Adeste Fideles," Novello
COMPANY.
2. Aria—"Why do the Nations" (Messiah) Handel
Mr. T. H. RAINFORD.
3. Aria—"O, Rest in the Lord" (Elijah) ... Mendelssohn
Miss VIOLETTE.
4. Duet—Piano and Violin (Op. 8) Sonata ... Grieg
Miss LOTTIE HYAM and Mr. G. RIVERS ALLPRESS.
5. Cantique—"Nazareth" ... Gounod
Mr. HALLEWELL.
6. Aria—"I know that my Redeemer liveth" (Messiah) Handel
Miss ANNIS MONTAGUE.
7. Song—"Cujus Animam" (Stabat Mater) Rossini
Mr. CHARLES TURNER.
8. Pianoforte Trio ... Reissiger
Miss LOTTIE HYAM, Mr. ALLPRESS, Mr. STRAUS.
9. "Ave Maria" ... ... Bauer
Mrs. RILEY.
10. Song—"Noel" ... Gounod
(Cello obligato, Mr. Straus).
Mr. HALLEWELL.
11. Aria—"Jerusalem" (St. Paul) ... Mendelssohn
Miss NELLIE YOUNG.
12. Romanse for 'cello ... Robandi
Mr. STRAUS.
13. Aria—"Angels Ever Bright and Fair" (Theodora) Handel
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14. Quartet—"O Come everyone" (Elijah) Mendelssohn
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THIS DAY,

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First Race to start at 2.25

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£2650 in PRIZE MONEY.

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The HURDLE RACE, 26 nominations, 12.30 p.m.

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The DECEMBER STAKES, 21 acceptances, 2.20 p.m.

The SELLING PLATE, 28 nominations, 3.0 p.m.

The SUMMER CUP, 40 acceptances, 3.45 p.m.

The NURSERY HANDICAP, 40 nominations, 4.20 p.m.

The A.J.C. HANDICAP, 37 ditto, 5.0 p.m.

Licensed Trainers can obtain tickets for extra boys on THURSDAY, 24th instant, before 4 o'clock p.m.

Tickets will not be issued on the day of racing.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MEMBERS
will please
TAKE NOTICE
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Saddling Paddock Gate,
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the usual rate for admission.

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14 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN CONSEQUENCE of MONDAY, the 28th DECEMBER,

having been proclaimed a
PUBLIC HOLIDAY,
the
AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB
will hold a
HOLIDAY MEETING
at
RANDWICK RACECOURSE.

FIRST RACE
will be started at
1 O'CLOCK P.M.
on
MONDAY NEXT, the 28th DECEMBER, 1891.

PROGRAMME.
1. THE HURDLE RACE,
to be started at 1 o'clock,
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added. Second horse 25 sovs. from the prize. Two miles.

THE SURPRISE STAKES,
to be started at 2 o'clock,
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added. Second horse 25 sovs. from the prize. Six furlongs.

THE MUTUAL SELLING RACE,
to be started at a quarter to 3 o'clock,
Of 150 sovs. Weights—3 years, 8st 10lb; 4 years and upwards, 9st 7lb. The winner to be sold for 150 sovs.; 5lb allowed for every reduction of 25 sovs. on selling price down to 25 sovs.; the surplus on selling price to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the club. Seven furlongs.

THE STEEPLECHASE,
to be started at half-past 3 o'clock,
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added. Second horse 25 sovs. from the prize. Over such course and jumps as the committee shall direct. About 2½ miles.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP,
to be started at a quarter past 4 o'clock,
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added; for two years old. Second horse 25 sovs. from the prize. For two years old. A winner of any handicap after the declaration of the weights to carry 10lb. penalty. Five furlongs.

THE HOLIDAY HANDICAP,
to be started at 10 minutes to 5 o'clock,
A Handicap Sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added. Second horse 25 sovs. from the prize. For three years old and upwards. The winner of any handicap after the declaration of weights to carry 10lb. extra. One mile and 3 furlongs.

The entries for the above meeting are to be made with the Secretary of the A.J.C., THIS DAY, Thursday, the 24th December, 1891, before 4 p.m.
Handicaps to be declared on such day as the committee may appoint.
Entries for each race, One Sovereign.

No entry will be received for any of the races except on this condition—that all disputes, claims, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by the committee or those whom they may appoint, their authority to be supreme, and their decisions final and conclusive in all questions arising out of or connected with the carrying out of this programme.
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NOTE.—Complimentary Tickets issued for Boxing Day will be available for the 28th December.

RANDWICK RACES.

NOTICE.—Hawkers or Vendors, any sort, not allowed to trade on the Course.
W. HOFF, Lessee.

XMAS Holidays.—Splendid Picnic Grounds for family parties on the Parramatta River. See time-table.

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BYLONG HANDICAP, 25 sovs. (13.3 a. u.), 4 furlongs and 50 yards.
FLYING WELTER HANDICAP, 30 sovs. (14.2 a. u.), lowest weight 7st 7lb, 5 furlongs.
Nomination Fee, 1 sov. Entries close TO-DAY, Thursday, 24th instant, at Club's Office, up to 4 p.m. Owners and trainers are reminded that all nominations must be accompanied with the necessary fee. NOTICE: The Committee reserve the right to receive or reject any entry. E. G. FROOM, Sec., Tattersall's Club-chambers, Pitt-street.

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THE HURDLE RACE, THE SELLING RACE,
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THE CLUB HANDICAP.

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SATURDAY, BOXING DAY, and MONDAY, 28th December.

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Sports for old and young, Cricket, Quoits, Football, Swings and Swingboats, Boats for Fishing. Dancing in finest pavilion in the colony; admission, 1s. Imperial Brass Band engaged. Fleet of Steamers from No. 2 Jetty, Circular Quay, every half-hour from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; last trip from Clontarf at 6 p.m. Adults, return tickets 1s 6d; children under 8 years, free.

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WANTED, smart variety Lady and ballad Vocalist. 10 a.m. sharp. 185 Riley-st., Surry Hills.

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On MONDAY NEXT our New and Original GRAND CHRISTMAS BURLESQUE will be staged in great magnificence,
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UNDER THE SEA, or MERMAIDS AND MINISTERS,
in which
the Australian Comedian, Mr. FRED. DARK, has been specially engaged for the burlesque season.

Sir Harry	Mr. Alf. James
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For full cast of characters see Monday's morning papers.

Free List entirely suspended, Press excepted.

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Orchestra chairs, 2s; Body of Hall, 1s; Family Circle, 6d.

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FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY IN EACH SUBURB.

GLEBE, THURSDAY, 24th DECEMBER.

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MARINE-PARADE
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From Manly Beach—7.15, 8.10.
And at short intervals throughout the day.
The following late trips will be run:—
From Sydney—6.30, 9.30, 11.15.
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EXCURSION TO MANLY BEACH.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

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from Circular Quay, No. 1 Jetty:
7.15, 9, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.15, 7.30, 9.30, 11.15.
Manly Beach.
7.15, 8.10, 8.45, 10, 12, 12.30, 2, 3, 4.30, 5.15, 6, 7, 8.30, 10.15.
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HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS
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Gates open at 9 a.m., sports to commence at 10 a.m.
SPECIAL TRAMS will run direct to the Ground: fare, 3d each person (by ticket). ALL CARTS must be OFF THE GROUND by 9 a.m.
BICYCLE RACES, FOOT RACES, OBSTACLE RACES, HIGHLAND DANCING, &c., &c.
Admission to Ground, 1s; Grand stand, 1s extra.
Children half-price.
By order of the Trustees.
S. H. FAIRLAND,
Secretary A. C. Ground.

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CHRISTMAS VOICES, new Australian booklet; original poems by Manuel Silvela. All booksellers; 1s.

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Business Announcements.

JOHN Houghton, Accountant, Auditor, Average Adjuster, 53 Queensland Offices, 18 Bridge-st., Sydney.

XMAS Holidays.—Splendid Picnic Grounds for family parties on the Parramatta River. See time-table.

Auction Sales.

SALE OF RACEHORSES AND TROTTERS.

T. S. CLIBBORN will hold a Sale of RACEHORSES and TROTTERS at FENNELLY'S BAZAAR, Pitt-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, December 29, instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.
Owners will please give early notice.
T. S. CLIBBORN.
14 Castlereagh-street.

IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF C. E. FULLER.

T. S. CLIBBORN has been instructed by Augustus Morris, Esq., Official Assignee, to sell by auction, at FENNELLY'S BAZAAR, Pitt-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, 29th December, 1891, at 2 o'clock p.m.,
The following HORSES (Trotters):—
Bay Gelding, PRIMUS, by Vermont, jun.
Bay Gelding, DEXTER, by Vermont, jun.
Bay Horse (14 hands 1in.), NARRABEEN HAROLD, 4 years, by Childe Harold (imp.)
(a well-known performer, and winner of several races).

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GO and see the New Starting Machine at Lillie Bridge on Xmas Afternoon and Boxing Night.

Auction Sales.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
All lots not specially advertised.
And at 12 o'clock,
All lots specially advertised.
Regular Sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown or elsewhere any afternoon.
LIVERY.—In this department charges moderate, and best of forage.

TO RACING MEN and OTHERS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. J. Farrell to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
The Orphan (late Beda), brown mare, under 14.2, 5 years, winner of several races in the country.

FOR SALE WITHOUT RESERVE.
SURVEYOR'S WAGGONETTE and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,
A surveyor's waggonette, with hood and harness, in splendid order.

A. J. CLUB'S EXTRA DAY'S RACING,
on
MONDAY, the 28th INSTANT.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary A. J. Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, THIS DAY, Thursday, the 24th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right to the entrance gates and St. Leger Reserve for above, to be held at Randwick on Monday next, the 28th instant, IN CONSEQUENCE OF A PUBLIC HOLIDAY HAVING BEEN PROCLAIMED ON THAT DAY.

TATTERSALL'S CLUB NEW YEAR'S MEETING.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Tattersall's Club to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right to the entrance gates and St. Leger reserve for above meeting, to be held at Randwick on the 1st and 2nd January, 1892.

HIGHLAND GATHERING SPORTS.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Secretary Association Cricket Ground to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right to the ground bars and refreshment booths for above sports on New Year's Day.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.

THIS DAY, at half-past 10 a.m. sharp.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, the following:—
At half-past 10 o'clock,
Vans, springcarts, horses, and harness
Draught horses, tipdrays, and harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Superior draught mares and geldings
Well-bred saddle and harness horses
Van, 'bus, and saddle horses.

CREAM SADDLE and HARNESS MARE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. JOHNSTONE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Cream mare, thoroughly quiet in saddle and harness, stands trams, &c.

HIGH-CLASS LIGHT HARNESS and SADDLE HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have for PRIVATE SALE several HIGH-CLASS light harness and saddle Horses, broken in, and subject to trials.

NOW ON VIEW at the BAZAAR.

TO DAIRY PROPRIETORS AND PRIVATE BUYERS

WEEKLY MILCH COW SALE.

INGLIS'S RAILWAY YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, 24th December, at half-past 10 o'clock,
60 first-class milch cows, on account of Messrs. S. M'Minn, D. Buffière, Macintosh Bros., T. Briggs, and other owners.
These are all in full milk, with young calves at foot, and have been selected for the Sydney market from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts.

EXTRA STOCK AND PRODUCE SALE,
THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING,
INGLIS'S RAILWAY SALEYARDS, 827
GEORGE-STREET.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, THIS DAY, Thursday, December 24, at 12 o'clock,
Calves, pigs, sucking pigs, poultry (various kinds), roll butter, keg butter, and eggs, that did not arrive in time for yesterday's sale.

POULTRY. POULTRY. POULTRY.

STORE PIGS. STORE PIGS. STORE PIGS.

FAT PIGS. FAT PIGS. FAT PIGS.

FAT CALVES. FAT CALVES. FAT CALVES.

AT CORPORATION SALEYARDS,
Sussex-street.

10 o'clock and 11 o'clock,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 24th.

GEORGE WELLS will sell by auction, as above.

METROPOLITAN Meat Market, Hay-st., Auction Sale, This Day, at 12 o'clock, Beef, mutton, pigs.
TO CARCASE BUTCHERS and Others.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, have received instructions from the Hon. the Colonial Treasurer to submit for sale by public auction, at the Abattoirs, Glebe Island, at noon on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1891,
The lease, for twelve months, subject to the undermentioned limitation, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1892, of one beef slaughter-house.

The upset price will be £300 per annum.
The rent is to be paid by equal monthly instalments, payable in advance on the first day of each month.
The Government reserves to itself the right to terminate the lease at any time during its currency upon giving the lessee three calendar months' notice in writing.
A bond in double the amount of rent will be required for the fulfilment of the lessee's engagement, which bond must be entered into by the lessee, in conjunction with two responsible parties as sureties.
Further particulars and copies of the conditions and regulations may be obtained on application to the Superintendent of the Abattoirs, Glebe Island.
The amount of duty imposed by the Stamp Duties Act upon the lease, counterpart lease, bond, and on the conditions of sale, is to be borne by the lessee.

POULTRY. POULTRY.
POULTRY.

THE SOUTH COAST and WEST CAMDEN CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets,
will sell by public auction,
at their Rooms,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY,
at 11 a.m.,
A large and well-assorted stock of
POULTRY.

Important Attractive Sale by Auction.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, December 24, at 11 o'clock. On the Premises, SYDNEY HOUSE, 116 Forbes-street, off Woolloomooloo-st., Whole of Valuable and Substantial HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising—
BRILLIANT-TONED FULL TRICHORD PIANOFORTE by GLOVER, in Walnut and Gold Case
SPLENDID TONED 11-STOP ORGAN, by MURLITZU, of Ohio
Handsome Carved SOLID WALNUT 5ft. SIDEBOARD, with Side Brackets and B. Edge Plates
LEATHER DINING-ROOM SUITE, Telescope Dining Table, Side Table, Carpets, Fender, &c., &c.
Handsome Dresden Ornaments, Oil Paintings, &c., Japanese Silk Screen, Glassware, E. P. Ware
Very Handsome WALNUT BEDROOM SUITE, comprising large Wardrobe, with Plate Glass Centre Door, fitted with Trays; Pedestal Dressing Table, with Cheval Glass and Jewel Drawers; Washstand with Rouge
MARBLE TOP PEDESTAL CUPBOARD, T. Rail & Chairs
Mahogany Bedroom ditto, Cedar ditto ditto, Massive Walnut Hall Stand
Handsome Solid ½-Tester Brass Bedsteads, W. Wove Mattresses and Bedding, all of the best quality; Chest Drawers, Washstands and Sets, Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, &c., &c.

THOMAS P. LISTER has received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, at Sydney House, 116 Forbes-st., Woolloomooloo, above elegant and substantial furniture, piano, organ, &c.

THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
UNDER DISTRAINT FOR RENT.
On the first floor of Premises, 108 PITT-STREET.

OFFICE FURNITURE and Effects of a Financial Agent.

GREEN and LINE have received instructions to sell, at 11 a.m., the above.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE
of
CHOICE HANGING BASKETS of FERNS from
NEW ZEALAND,
MAORI and SILVER TREE FERNS,
and Large Assortment of
BUSHHOUSE FERNS in Pots.

HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION THIS DAY, at 11.30, as above.

**, DON'T FAIL to attend this SPECIAL XMAS SALE as every lot MUST BE SOLD.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 instant, at 10 a.m. sharp.

Highly important and totally UNRESERVED SALE of the whole of the Working Plant of
THE COMMERCIAL CARRYING COMPANY,
on the PREMISES,
BOURKE and TELOPEA STREETS, REDFERN,
comprising
10 FIRST-CLASS VAN HORSES
10 VANS, in good working order
10 SETS of HARNESS for same
7 DRAY HORSES. HARNESS for same
9 DRAYS
5 POLE LORRIES, nearly all new
10 UPSTANDING HORSES. Harness for same
2 SHAFT LORRIES. 8 Sets of Harness
8 A1 HORSES (working in shaft lorries)
4 DRAUGHT HORSES. Ditto MARE and FOAL
3 Light Harness Horses
2 S.S. BUGGIES, SPRING CART, and HARNESS
QUANTITY OF FODDER, SPARE HARNESS
SHEDS and STABLING, together with LEASE OF PREMISES.

OFFICE FURNITURE,
comprising
IRON SAFE, DESKS
CHAIRS, TELEPHONE and WIRE
PIGEON-HOLES, TABLES, &c.

BARNARD and CO. have been instructed by the Mortgagee to sell by public auction, IN ONE LOT, and AS A GOING CONCERN,
The whole of the above, together with the various contracts entered into by the Commercial Carrying Company, book debts, goodwill; also, the right to continue and work same.
** The Auctioneers desire to draw the attention of intending purchasers to the following, viz.:—
The business need not be stopped for one day.
The whole of the plant will be on the ground on day of sale.
Everything is in A1 working order, and can be inspected at any time prior to sale.
Further particulars can be obtained by applying to the Auctioneers.
TERMS AT SALE.
AUCTIONEERS' OFFICE—74 CASTLEREAGH-STREET.

XMAS Holidays.—Splendid Picnic Grounds for family parties on the Parramatta River. See time-table.

GO and see the New Starting Machine at Lillie Bridge on Xmas Afternoon and Boxing Night.

MEDLOW, between Katoomba and Blackheath.—Sale of splen. Sites at station next Sat. R. and W., Ltd.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 24, at 11 a.m.

EXTENSIVE SALE BY AUCTION
of
49 Cases
JAPANESE ART PRODUCTIONS,
consisting of
9 Cases Fourfold Screens
8 Ditto Fancy Lacquered Goods
5 Ditto Tea Sets, in finest Eggshell China
2 Ditto Silk Fire Screens
2 Ditto Grotesque Toys
3 Ditto Bronzeware
4 Ditto Bamboo Goods
2 Ditto Camphorwood Cabinets
5 Ditto Kagaware
4 Ditto Bishiuware
2 Ditto Satsuma Vases
3 Ditto Imariware
&c., &c., &c.
Also,
5 cases Dolls
&c., &c., &c.

To Fancy Goods Repositories, Storekeepers, Shippers, Dealers, &c.

HARRIS and ACKMAN will SELL the above by AUCTION, at the NEW AUCTION MART, 199 PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, 24th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.

TERMS AT SALE.

To Ladies and Gentlemen Furnishing, Lovers of Fine Arts, Commission Agents, and others.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE AND DISPLAYED SALE BY AUCTION,
AT THE ROOMS, 123 PITT-STREET,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24,
AT 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,
of
ITALIAN MARBLE STATUARY, BUSTS, VASES, URNS, EPERGNES, &c.,
AND MOST SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS FOR THE COMING FESTIVE SEASON.

Under instructions from
SIGNOR A. G. GUERRIERI.

This COLLECTION of MAGNIFICENT MARBLE WORKS OF ART, STATUARY, &c.,
comprises
EXQUISITELY-CHISELLED FIGURES, representing SAPPHO and MEDEA, MUSICIAN and BEGGAR, CUPIDS AT PLAY, EVE, THREE GRACES, INNOCENCE, PLAYFUL CHILDREN, &c.,
SUPPORTED BY
BEAUTIFULLY-CARVED MARBLE PEDESTALS.

DAVIS, MARKS, and CO. have received instructions from SIGNOR A. GUERRIERI to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, 123 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP,
THE ABOVE MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION of ITALIAN MARBLE STATUARY, &c.
CONTINUATION SALE.

DOLLS in Several Varieties.
CHRISTMAS CARDS
TOYS and GENERAL FANCY GOODS.

H. KELLETT and CO. will sell by public auction at their Rooms, 126 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 sharp,
Balance of consignments to clear.
TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, &c., &c.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 274 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, the unredeemed pledges pawned with Mr. L. Hill, of the Suburban Loan Office, King-street, Newtown.
At 11 o'clock, clothing, boots, blankets, &c.
At 2 o'clock, sundries and jewellery, consisting of field and opera glasses, bags, clocks, books, albums, tools, gold and silver watches, gold alberts, necklets, lockets, brooches and earrings, diamond, signet, and wedding rings.

THIS DAY, Thursday, at 11 o'clock.
Under a Bill of Sale.
On the Premises, Abinga, Carrington-road, near Charing-cross, Waverley.
Household Furniture and Effects, comprising
Pianoforte, Dining-room Suite, Pictures
Whatnot, Centre Tables, Carpets, Bookcases
Bedsteads and Bedding, Chest Drawers, Linen Press
Washstands and Ware, Toilet Tables and Glasses
Kitchen Utensils, and Sundries.

DUNN and WEBB have been instructed by the holder of bill of sale to sell by auction, the above.

THIS DAY, 24th DECEMBER, at 11 a.m.
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE,
at No. 20 CRAIGEND-STREET, DARLINGHURST.
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
TABLES, CHAIRS, BEDSTEADS, PICTURES, WASHSTANDS, CUTLERY, GLASSWARE,
CROCKERY, &c.

WM. CRANE, Jun. (No. 5 Temple-court, King-street), will sell by auction, THIS MORNING, Furniture, &c., as above.

THIS DAY, at 2.30 p.m.
ATTRACTIVE SALE of SUPERIOR OFFICE FURNITURE, at
No. 1 SCOTT-CHAMBERS, 96 Pitt-street, comprising
MAGNIFICENT PEDESTAL DESK, containing 4 compartments, Drawers, Book Racks, &c.
SPLENDID LINOLEUM, 23 x 13, almost new, cost 4s 5d a yard
AUSTRIAN CHAIRS, BLINDS, &c.

WM. CRANE, Jun. (No. 5 Temple-court, King-street), has received instructions to sell by auction, Office Furniture.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 24, at 11 a.m.
Labour Bazaar Auction Rooms, late Alex. Moore and Co.
CLEARING SALE for Xmas of FURNITURE and EFFECTS. Invoice of CHINA RIBBED SILK (all colours), PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS.

G. F. BAKER will sell by auction THIS DAY,
A great variety of household furniture and dining and drawing room suites, overmantels, carpets, oilcloth, sundries, bedroom furniture, bedsteads (all sizes), china, glass, ornaments, fancy goods, plants, shrubs, ferns, &c., &c., also China ribbed silk (all colours).
Terms, Cash.

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AT RAILWAY STATION,

MEDLOW, BLUE MOUNTAINS.

ELECTRIC LIGHT and SPRING WATER.
Large attractive Hotel and several neat Cottages now established in the Village.

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on the GROUND, on BOXING DAY,
at 2.30 p.m.,
viz.,
NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1891.

SUBDIVISION of
BELGRAVIA ESTATE,
opposite to, and otherwise close to, station.

District is a
DELIGHTFUL CLIMATE,

equal to Katoomba, next station to which it is.

STRIKING MOUNTAIN SCENERY
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All the elements to ensure its becoming an attractive health resort are found at Medlow. The Belgravia Hotel is a feature of design and comfort, and enjoys Electric Light and water, both of which can be supplied to buyers of
ALLOTMENTS in this SUBDIVISION,
at about city rates of charge for these privileges.

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BUCKINGHAM PARK, MEDLOW.

BLUE MOUNTAINS.

On the GROUND, on MONDAY,
28th DECEMBER, at 2.30 p.m.,
opposite side of line to the
GRAND PALACE HOTEL,
known as
BELGRAVIA HOTEL,
which is lit up with the
ELECTRIC LIGHT.

40 ALLOTMENTS,
from 132ft. FRONTAGE, with long depth;
FORMING FINEST RESIDENTIAL SITES of any of the
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Also,
2 SPLENDID VILLAS, known as
STRATHMORE and EYRECOURT,
newly and completely furnished,
containing
drawing-room, 4 bedrooms and kitchen,
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HUGH DUFF and CO. have received instructions from the PROPRIETOR, W. EYRE, Esq., to hold a Clearance SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION of the BUCKINGHAM PARK ESTATE and 2 COTTAGES with furniture,
MEDLOW,
on the GROUND, on
MONDAY, 28th December,
at 2.30 p.m.

TITLE, TORRENS.

TERMS, VERY LIBERAL: 20 per cent. deposit, balance by P.Ns. 3, 6, 9, 12, 15 months.
**, EXCURSION TRAINS leaving at 8 and 10 a.m. will enable parties to inspect this VALUABLE ESTATE and have lunch before the sales.
Plans and particulars from the Auctioneers, HUGH DUFF and CO., 109 Pitt-street.
REMEMBER THIS SALE ON MONDAY, 28th December.

LAIDLEY'S LEAD ALLUVIAL GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that in consequence of Monday, 28th instant, being a public holiday the forfeited shares in this Company advertised to be sold on the above date will be offered at Messrs. Duff and Co.'s rooms, Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, 30th, at 11.30 a.m.
By order of the Board.
A. H. BARCLAY,
Legal Manager.
19 Post Office-chambers.

ULTIMA.
SALE by AUCTION
takes place on
JANUARY 28th, 1892, at SWAN HILL.
Send for plans and particulars at once to
THE VICTORIAN FARMERS' LOAN AND AGENCY COMPANY, Limited,
Melbourne, Swan Hill, Wycheproof, Warracknabeal, Boort, Donald, Minyip, Ballarat, Kanna, Nhill, Dimboola, Natimuk, Horsham, Nathalia, Numurkah, St. James, or Murtoa.
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NEW MARGRAVES GOLD-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

SALE OF FORFEITED SHARES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undermentioned SHARES, forfeited for non-payment of FIFTH CALL due on the 11th November, will be SOLD by Public Auction by Batt, Rodd, and Purves, at their Auction Rooms, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney, on the 12th January, 1892, at noon:—

No. of Shares.	Progressive Numbers.
100	1,101 to 1,200
100	14,091 to 14,190
1,200	3,651 to 4,850
50	19,309 to 19,358
50	22,461 to 22,510
100	31,571 to 31,670
1,200	33,491 to 34,690
50	21,221 to 21,270
2,850	

MEDLOW, between Katoomba and Blackheath.—Sale of splen. Sites at station next Sat. R. and W., Ltd.

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

Mr. JACOB, in the absence of the President, took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES.

Sir JULIAN SALOMONS, in answer to Mr. Hoskins, said that leave of absence might be granted, under the provisions of sections 39 or 40 of the Civil Service Act 1884, to all officers in the public service. Mr. Addison, S.M., was granted three months' leave on full salary from the 1st January last, under the provisions of section 39 of the Civil Service Act, on the ground of illhealth; six months on full salary from the 1st April, under the provisions of section 40 of the Act referred to, he having a service of over 20 years, namely 33 years. His health not having been sufficiently restored at the end of that time, Mr. Addison was allowed a further leave of two months on full salary, under section 39 of the same Act. Mr. Giles, P.M., of Parramatta, would do duty as a deputy stipendiary magistrate of Sydney during the absence on leave of Mr. Johnson; and Mr. Edwards, police magistrate, Kiama, had been authorised to act at Parramatta during the absence of Mr. Giles. Mr. Giles, while acting as a deputy stipendiary magistrate in Sydney, would be paid at the rate of £800 per annum.

ELECTORAL REFORM BILL.—CALL OF THE HOUSE.

Sir JULIAN SALOMONS moved,—"1. That this Council is of opinion that all its members not absent on leave should be summoned to give their attendance in the House on the day fixed for the resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of the Electoral Reform Bill, and during the continuance of the debate on such second reading. 2. That this resolution be communicated to members by the Chairman presiding, with a request that they will give their attendance accordingly."

The motion was agreed to.

At a later stage the resumption of the debate was made an order of the day for the 20th January.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Mr. TRICKETT having obtained leave, brought in a Bill to Amend an Act to Confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to Grant a Civil List to Her Majesty: to provide for the election of the President of the Legislative Council, and for other purposes, and it was read the first time.

PINE RIDGE TRAMWAY BILL.

Mr. DANGAR moved,—"1. That the Pine Ridge Tramway Bill be referred to a select committee for consideration and report. 2. That such committee consist of the following members, viz.:—Mr. Campbell, Dr. Norton, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hoskins, Mr. White, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Kater, Mr. Dodds, Mr. Lackey, and Mr. Dangar."

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READINGS.

The Sunk Nets Bill, the Partnership Bill, and the Land Company of Australasia Railway Bill were read the third time; and it was ordered that they, with the usual messages, be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 10 minutes to 5 adjourned until 4 o'clock on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1892.

THE SHOPS AT CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

To the list of business establishments where special preparation has been made for the Christmas season has to be added that of Messrs. Lloyd and Collins, of 306 and 308 George-street, who announce that they have 20,000 Christmas presents, ranging in price from sixpence to 40 guineas, to dispose of. The more novel among these presents include eau de Cologne cases in Russia leather, combination workcases in French morocco, Russia leather cases, fitted with comb and brushes; albums in Russia, morocco, and calf; combination despatch desks in Russia and Persian leather, combination purse and card cases in nickel or sterling silver, gentlemen's pocketbooks, and letter, card, and cigar cases, jewel cases, both plain and silver-mounted, writing cases, &c. Included in the general stock are fitted travelling bags, hand bags, electro-plate, fans, work baskets, dressing cases, dolls, photo frames, spirit tantaluses, cigar cabinets, china ornaments, ivory-backed brushes, and so on in great variety. Specials lines are shown in handkerchiefs, in Maltese lace goods, in ladies' boots and shoes, in ladies' parasols and umbrellas, and in the ladies' and gentlemen's hosiery department. The stock throughout is an exceedingly fine one, and is sufficient to allow of a very wide range in the selection of Christmas and New Year gifts.

Messrs. Dahms and Co., jewellers, 168 Pitt-street, also make a very fine display. The firm began business in Oxford-street 12 years ago, and, after removing to the Sydney Arcade in 1889, found it necessary to take larger premises to meet the increasing demands. The place is fitted in the most modern London style, and the stock is all of the choicest patterns and most durable quality; it is claimed, at the most moderate price, as well. The electro-plated department is one large assortment of the most attractive articles for table decoration, and yet the articles are calculated for real use and long service. All the latest British novelties seem to be there. In addition to their jewellery and electro-plate, Messrs. Dahms and Co. show a large assortment of optical goods, gold and steel pebble spectacles, and pearl and leather opera-glasses of British and French manufacture.

POLICE.

Mr. George O'Malley Clarke, S.M., presided in the Charge Division of the Central Police Court yesterday. Susan Buckland was found guilty of stealing a pair of boots, valued at £1, the property of Frederick Saunders, licensee of the Star Hotel, Castlereagh-street, and was sentenced to one month's hard labour. Charles Posner was charged with having broken and entered the dwelling-house of Hugh Chambers, 80 Annesley-street, Leichhardt, with intent to commit a felony. The accused was committed for trial. Bail of £200 was allowed, with two sureties of £100 each. George Henry Thompson, alias George Crothers, was charged with having obtained money by false pretences from Ewen M'Lean. The evidence for the prosecution showed that the accused had met M'Lean at Mrs. Gailey's registry office, in Castlereagh-street, and had represented himself as the proprietor of a poultry farm at Springwood, and that he wanted a competent man as manager. M'Lean applied for the situation, and gave the accused £20 as a guarantee. He subsequently found that the prisoner had no poultry farm. Percy Hutton Gerrard and D. O'Connell also deposed to having paid the accused considerable sums of money for alleged partnerships. Accused was committed for trial. He reserved his defence. Bail was refused. In the Summons division, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., the following persons were fined, on the complaint of George Webber, Inspector of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for having worked horses in an unfit state:—Robert Ramsay, Patrick Fox, and Henry M'Gavish, £3 each, with £1 5s 10d costs, in default 21 days' imprisonment; John Ryan and J. C. Dewhurst, £2 each, with 25s 10d costs, or 22 days' imprisonment.

Captain Fisher, S.M., presided in the Charge Division, and Mr. B. Lee, S.M., in the Summons Division of the Water Police Court. James Thomas, alias Charles Mackay, alias Alfred Clifford, was committed to take his trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions on three charges. The first charge was of having obtained from James Henry Higson goods and money to the value of £5 by means of a false pretence, to wit, a valueless cheque, with intend to defraud; the second, of having obtained from Henry Anderson goods and money to the value of £3, by means of a false pretence, to wit, a valueless cheque, with intent to defraud; and the third charge was that of having forged the name of Salmon and Denne to a cheque, and uttering the same to Holdsworth and Macpherson in October last. It was alleged that he ordered some goods, receiving £2 0s 6d in change, and had the goods sent to the firm of Salmon and Denne, who knew nothing of the order, and refused to receipt it. William Parnell was sentenced to 21 days' hard labour for having a brass bearing in his possession reasonably supposed to have been stolen. Walter Harris, accountant, for having stolen three pairs of socks belonging to Charles Nolan, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Mr. J. Giles, D.S.M., presided in the Newtown Police Court. Three men named respectively George Brown, 24, James Thompson, 28, and John Symes, 30, were sentenced to six months' hard labour each on a charge of having stolen the sum of £1 10s out of a till in the Courthouse Hotel, Newtown. The first-named will receive separate treatment. It seems that one of the men, while the other two kept watch, entered the hotel and committed the robbery. The police and some civilians gave chase, but the fugitives outpaced them. One of the thieves, however, became so fatigued that he took refuge in a fish shop, and was captured there. The others got clear away from their pursuers. They were met shortly afterwards, however, by a witness to the robbery, who identified them, and Constable Brown started the chase anew. The fugitives ran into a *cul de sac*, and were too exhausted to scale the wall at the end. The constable then arrested them. John Newman 27, and Joseph Hickey, 18, were fined 20s, or in default 21 days in gaol each, for having assaulted James Baker, at Camperdown.

Messrs. F. M. Edwards and R. Harper, Js.P., disposed of the business at the Parramatta Police Court. Joseph Hardy was charged with fraudulently appropriating 20s, the property of Amanda Prior. Prosecutrix deposed that on the previous day she was at Rosehill Racecourse. Defendant was calling the odds. She placed £1 on Warripet, who won. After the race she could not find accused. Defendant stated that he did not write the ticket produced. He had been acting as clerk for a man lately arrived from Melbourne. He thought the bets were all paid. Did not know where the man was now to be found, nor where he lived. The Bench ordered accused to be imprisoned in Parramatta Gaol for one month, with hard labour. A further case against accused for fraudulently obtaining 10s from Sarah Phillips was struck out, prosecutrix not being in attendance.

DR. DE JONGH'S LIGHT BROWN COD LIVER OIL.—In all Throat Diseases its efficacy unequalled. Sir G. Duncan Gibb, Bart., M.D., Physician to the Westminster Hospital, writes:—"The value of Dr. De Jongh's Cod Liver Oil as a therapeutic agent in a number of diseases, chiefly of an exhaustive character, has been admitted by the world of medicine; but, in addition, I have found it a remedy of great power in the treatment of many affections of the throat and larynx, especially in consumption of the latter, where it will sustain life when everything else fails." Sold only in capsuled imperial half-pints, pints, and quarts, by all chemists. Sole consignees, Ansar, Harford, and Co., 210 High Holborn, London. Agents at Sydney, Elliott Brothers.—[ADVT.]

LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT.—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

In Banco.—(*Before the* CHIEF JUSTICE, *Mr. Justice* STEPHEN, *and Mr. Justice* OWEN.)

EX PARTE THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA, LIMITED, AND THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE OF JOHN WILSON, A BANKRUPT.

The CHIEF JUSTICE delivered the following reserved judgment:—As I am in the unfortunate position of not being able to concur in the judgment about to be pronounced by the Court, and as I also differ from the judgment pronounced in the Court below, it became necessary that I should give, as I have given, the most careful consideration to the case, to enable me, if possible, to concur with the opinion which my brother Judges have formed after an equally anxious consideration on their part. The case is, I need scarcely say, by no means free from difficulty. It appears that the bankrupt, together with five other persons, entered as sureties, jointly and severally, into three several guarantees, for £3000, £2000, and £1250 respectively, to secure advances made by the bank to Her Majesty's Theatre and Grand Opera House Company of Sydney, Limited. At the time of the bankruptcy a sum of money, exceeding the amount due on foot of these three several guarantees, viz., £7909 1s, was due from the Theatre Company to the bank. The Theatre Company having made default, the bank sought to prove against the estate of the bankrupt for the sum of £6250. Their right, however, to prove for a larger sum than £3250 was disputed under the following circumstances:—It appears that in the year 1890, and previous to the bankruptcy, three of the bankrupt's co-sureties entered into an agreement with the bank, which agreement was as follows:—Memo of agreement made between the Commercial Bank of Australia, Limited, hereinafter called the said bank of the one part, and Daniel O'Connor, James N. Hart, and Francis Bede Freehill, John Shepherd, John Wilson, and James Allison, on the 1st day of April, 1885, executed in favour of the said bank a joint and several guarantee in respect of the account of Her Majesty's Theatre and Grand Opera House Company of Sydney, Limited, with the said bank to the extent of £3000: And whereas the said Daniel O'Connor, James N. Hart, John Shepherd, and John Wilson, on the 8th day of September, 1885, executed in favour of the said bank a further joint and several guarantee of the said account to the extent of £1250: And whereas the said James N. Hart and Francis Bede Freehill have offered and proposed to pay to the said bank the sum of £2000 in discharge of the respective individual liabilities under the said joint and several guarantees, and the said Daniel O'Connor has offered and proposed to pay to the said bank the sum of £500, and to give to the said bank his promissory notes for a further £500, extending over a period of 10 months, in discharge of his individual liability under the said joint and several guarantees contingent upon the payment of the said promissory notes: And whereas the bank declined to receive the said moneys in reduction of the said account, but have agreed with the said Francis Bede Freehill, James N. Hart, and Daniel O'Connor that they will not look to them for more than £1000 each, on condition that the said sums or their equivalent shall be deposited to a separate account with the said bank, to be appropriated by the said bank in satisfaction in part or in whole of the said debt of Her Majesty's Theatre and Opera House Company, Limited, when and so soon as the said bank may deem prudent, the receipt of such sums to be entirely without prejudice to the bank's rights to sue or look to the other guarantors for the full amount of the said guarantees, it being understood that such moneys shall be and remain as a security to the bank for the due payment of the said respective sums of £1000 each credited to the special suspense account with the said bank accordingly. Now these presents witness that in pursuance of the said agreement and in consideration of the sum of £2000 paid by the said James N. Hart and Francis Bede Freehill, and £500, together with the said promissory notes paid by the said Daniel O'Connor at or before the execution hereof to the credit of a suspense account with the said bank (receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged) the said bank doth hereby release and discharge the said Daniel O'Connor, James N. Hart, and Francis Bede Freehill, their heirs, executors, and administrators respectively, of, from, and against all debts, claims, and demands whatever of the said bank against them the said Daniel O'Connor, James N. Hart, and Francis Bede Freehill, under and by virtue of their said joint and several guarantees, and all actions, suits, or causes of actions in respect thereof. Provided nevertheless, and these presents are executed upon this express condition, that nothing herein contained shall release or be construed or operated to release the said Daniel O'Connor in event of any or either of the said promissory notes being dishonoured, or to release in any manner to prejudice or affect any claim or demand which the said bank has or ever had upon or against the said John Shephard, John Wilson, or James Allison, or either of them or their or either of their respective estates and effects, under and by virtue of the said joint and several letters of guarantee. The promissory notes given by Mr. O'Connor have been duly taken up and satisfied. It was accordingly contended on behalf of the official assignee that the bank having in fact received £3000, no matter under what agreement had been paid, this sum ought to give credit for this amount as against the amount due on foot of the guarantees, and could, therefore, only prove for the balance, £3250. The bank on the other hand contended that the sum of £3000 was not received by them in payment of any portion of the guarantees, but was held by them as security only for the debt due by the Theatre Company in lieu of the personal security of Messrs. Hart, Freehill, and O'Connor, and accordingly claimed to prove for the full amount. The matter came on to be heard before the Registrar in Bankruptcy, who upheld the contention of the Official Assignee, and held that the bank had been paid £3000, and could, therefore, only prove for £3250, at which amount he admitted their proof. From this decision the bank appealed to his Honor Mr. Justice Manning, the judge in bankruptcy, who, after hearing the parties, affirmed the decision of the registrar, and dismissed the appeal with costs. Hence this appeal. It appears to me that the question for our decision resolves into this, Was the £3000 in question a payment to the bank? or, Was it a sum of money held by them as a security against the liability of those of the sureties who deposited this sum with the bank? If the former question is to be answered in the affirmative the decision appealed against is correct, but if the latter is to be so answered, then it appears to me that the bank have a right to prove for the whole amount, inasmuch as if the money be held by way of security only, then this security not having been given by the bankrupt, or in any way belonging to his estate, need not be valued. If given up it could never go in augmentation of such estate, and yet, assuming this money to be a security, it is quite clear that the effect of the decision appealed against is to put the bank in the position of valuing their security, and thus augmenting the bankrupt's estate. Now, it is apparent that it was the intention of all parties to the agreement of 1890 that the deposit of the £2500 and the giving of the promissory notes for £500 should not operate as a payment. It is recited that Messrs. Hart, Freehill, and O'Connor offered and proposed payment, and that the bank declined to receive payment, but agreed to accept a deposit to a separate account, to be appropriated by the bank in satisfaction in whole or in part of the debt of the Theatre Company when and so soon as the bank might deem prudent, the receipt to be without prejudice to the right of the bank to look to the other guarantees for the full amount. It being understood that the said moneys should be and remain as a security to the bank for the due payment of the £3000 credited to a special suspense account with the bank. It appears to me to be the distinct duty of the Court to give full effect to the intention of the parties, unless the terms of the agreement are such as to force the Court to say, "True it is you intended this money should stand as security, but unfortunately you have so worded your agreement that the sole construction we can put upon it is that in place of the money standing as a security the bank must accept it as payment, discharging not only the other sureties, but also the party primarily liable pro tanto." I, however, see no reason why the bank and these three sureties should not enter into such an agreement. It in no way prejudices the right of the other sureties. If ultimately these last have to pay more than their due proportion of the debt, they have reserved to them their remedy over as against Messrs. Hart, Freehill, and O'Connor, inasmuch as the release of the bank operating (as has been held in this case) as an agreement not to sue only, in no way affects or prejudices the rights of the co-sureties against those whom the bank has agreed not to sue. Again, the money being expressly held as a security. If the theatre company, the party primarily liable, pay off the full amount of the debt due by them to the bank, the bank would have to refund this sum of £3000 so held as a security to the sureties, who would then be the owners of such money, inasmuch as the agreement estops the bank from denying that they hold the money as security only. No doubt the money in question is subject to be appropriated by the bank as they see fit, but until such appropriation, the money stands to a special suspense account as a security, in whole or in part, for the debt of the theatre company. It seems to have been considered in the court below that that this agreement was intended to be an evasion of the bankrupt law. It has been argued that treating the transactions between the bank and Messrs. Hart, Freehill, and O'Connor as the giving of a security and not as a payment is enabling the bank to evade the bankrupt law, and to obtain an advantage over the other creditors of the bankrupt. I am unable to see the force of this argument. If in place of taking this money as security the bank had taken a mortgage over lands of Messrs. Hart, Freehill, and O'Connor, and in consideration of such mortgage being given had agreed not to sue them on the guarantee, thus substituting the security of a mortgage for the personal securities of the sureties, I do not suppose that it would be contended that the bank would not be entitled to prove for the full amount due on foot of the guarantees without valuing their securities or taking them into consideration. If this be so, I am unable to see the distinction in principle between holding a sum of money in suspense as security and the holding of a mortgage over land as a security. The case of ex parte Caldicott, 25 C.D., 716, is not at all unlike this case. There, a father and son being in partnership, the father mortgaged real estate to the bankers of the firm to secure the debit balance of the firm's current account with the bank. The father being anxious to sell the mortgaged property entered into an agreement with the bank whereby they were to release their mortgage, the purchase money being paid into the bank to be deposited in the father's name, such deposit to remain his separate property; the father was not to withdraw this deposit so long as any debt remained due from the firm to the bank, but until demand by the bankers for payment of the debt he was to be at liberty to draw out the interest half-yearly. In case of demand made by the bank, they might at any time after 12 months from the date of the demand apply the deposit towards payment of the debt of the firm. The firm became bankrupt. It was held that although the deposit stood in the father's name he could not bring an action for it so long as there was a balance due from the firm to the bank, and that the transaction between the bank and the father being a bona-fide one the purchase money took the place of the security, and as it remained a security the bank was not obliged to deduct the value before proving the debt against the estate of the firm that this money was in substance as in term a security. No doubt in that case the money was deposited in the father's name, and he drew the interest on the deposit, otherwise the bank had full control over it, and could by giving notice at any moment, and after the expiration of 12 months, apply the money and interest accruing from demand to the debt. In that case it may be said the bank had only a qualified control over and use of the money, while here the bank has full control and full use. In principle, however, I am unable to see any distinction. In ex parte Watson, 42 L. T., 516, property belonging to a firm was charged by him in favour of a bank for securing his own private debts to the bank, and also those of the firm—each partner of the firm having gone into liquidation the bank realised the security, deducted the private debt of the owner out of the sale, and carried over the residue to a suspense account, the Chief Judge in Bankruptcy saying that a suspense account was a well-known mercantile term, held that the bank, although they had this money in their hands, was not prevented from proving for their whole debt against the joint estate. In this case it appears to me that the agreement between the bank and Messrs. Hart, Freehill, and O'Connor was entered into bona fide, that it was a natural and proper agreement for the bank to enter into with the view of preserving their undoubted rights, and that it cannot be said to be one, in any way having the effect of evading the bankrupt law. I do not see that the bankrupt estate has been in any way prejudiced by the making of such agreement nor can I see on what principle of justice the other creditors of the bankrupt can claim to have the advantage of this money being treated as having been a payment, in place of that which it was the intention of the parties it should be, a security for the debt of the Theatre Company taking the place of the personal security of the sureties for the same debt. I am wholly unable to see upon what principle the Court is asked to say that the bank, who declined to receive the money as payment, must nevertheless accept it as a payment, or why the bank in granting at their request so great a concession to three out of the six sureties—the other sureties standing aloof—should be considered by granting this concession to have acted in so disastrous a manner in their own interests as not only to free the other sureties, but also the party primarily liable from nearly half the amount of their debt to the bank. I am wholly unable to place any such construction upon the agreement now under consideration, and therefore I am of opinion that the bank is entitled to prove for the full amount of the guarantees and that this appeal should be allowed with costs; the official assignee to pay all the costs of the proceedings before the registrar and of the appeal from that officer to the chief Judge in bankruptcy.

Mr. Justice STEPHEN said: I must confess to have found this agreement between the Commercial Bank of Australia and the four co-sureties an exceedingly difficult one to construe. I am not disposed to question the position that these sureties, though liable to pay the bank the amounts in question, might agree to deposit them, by way of security only, for the payment by the principal debtor or their co-sureties of equal sums, and they should be passed in consequence to a suspense account. One would expect to find in such an agreement a stipulation as to the time during which the sum should remain in suspense or as to some event, on the happening of which the bank should be entitled to consider them as no longer in suspense, and to appropriate them to the satisfaction of the debt due from the theatre and the liability of the sureties in respect thereof. The bank, however, does not appear to have desired that the sum received by it should be regarded as a security merely, or that they should be placed to a suspense account for any definite time, or that the suspense should be determined by the happening of any particular event. The bank reserves its right to sue the other co-sureties, but does not bind itself to sue them or the theatre, or to take any steps for the recovery of the money due from it or the other sureties, or any of them. It would not, however, answer the bank's purpose to have the money in their hands, indefinitely, as a security. The transaction would be too dangerously like a payment. And so the matter is complicated by the introduction of words to accomplish what the bank desires, viz., to enable it to appropriate the sums, whenever it pleases, in satisfaction (pro tanto) of the debt due from the theatre, and of course of the liability of the sureties in respect thereof, and yet that the sums shall not be regarded as payment. It will, I suppose, be conceded that declining to call by the name of payment that which is substantially one will not make it the less a payment. Passing the money to a suspense account will not, it seems to me, effect the object. There is no suspense here except at the will of the bank, which it can determine at the next moment. Then, when I desire to ascertain what the security is for, I find that it is not a security for the debt due from the theatre, but that the moneys are to remain as a security for the due payment of the sums themselves, *i.e.*, the sums "credited to the suspense account." There is no express stipulation that, if the full amount of the moneys is otherwise recovered, the moneys paid are to be returned; and I find it difficult to imply it. If a transaction of this kind can be maintained, as contended for, I see no reason (putting aside for a moment the release, or covenant not to sue, which is immaterial to the argument) why the bank on the day after it received the moneys could not sue for them. If the moneys were only paid by way of security, the liability remains. If so, the bank could sue for the whole amount due from the sureties alleging that the moneys received were held in suspense by way of security only for the sum sued for. Again, it occurs to me that if one of the sureties, became bankrupt, the position of the bank would be that it might prove for the amount, and be called upon to value the security, that is value £1000 at £1000—an anomalous state of things. In short, the bank desired not only to reserve its rights against the other co-sureties, but to reserve further the right to sue them without giving credit for moneys substantially received, as I think, in discharge of the sureties' liability. If the agreement relied upon ought to be held to accomplish the object aimed at, I regret that its terms are to me so embarrassing as to disable me from seeing it in that light. Having considered and reconsidered it, I fail to come to any conclusion but that these moneys were payment by the sureties, and that therefore the bank cannot prove for the whole debt in Wilson's estate.

Mr. Justice OWEN said: The question to be determined in this case is not what the parties intended or desired to effect by the agreement (exhibit A), but what the legal effect of that agreement is, for if the transaction was in effect a payment, it would not change its character by calling it a security. At the date of this agreement the bank held as security for the debt of the Theatre and Opera House Company the several guarantees mentioned therein. I feel no doubt that the bank could have substituted for such guarantees any other security without in any way affecting the rights of the bank as against the persons giving such security, or, if the substituted security were given by some only of the guarantors, against the persons remaining liable on the original guarantee. I think, moreover, that money might be paid into the bank as such security. But it must be made perfectly clear by the agreement that the money was to be substituted for the guarantee, and was to be held only as security for the same liability as under the original guarantee. The question therefore is, does this agreement fulfil these conditions? The operative part of the document relates only to the release of D. O'Connor, James N. Hart, and Francis Bede Freehill, and the reservation of the rights of the bank against the other guarantors, John Shepherd, John Wilson, and James Allison. The agreement in pursuance of which the release was given is set out in the recitals, and it will be necessary to consider them very carefully. They state that O'Connor, Hart, and Freehill had "proposed to pay" the moneys therein mentioned in discharge of their respective liabilities under the guarantees, and that the bank declined to receive the said moneys in reduction of the account of the Theatre and Opera House Company, but had agreed with Freehill, Hart, and O'Connor that they would not look to them for more than £1000 each, on condition that the same sums or their equivalent should be deposited to a separate account with the bank, to be appropriated by the bank in satisfaction in part or in whole of the said debt of the company when and so soon as the bank might deem prudent, the receipt of such sums to be entirely without prejudice to the bank's right to sue or look to the other guarantors for the full amount of the said guarantees, "it being understood that such moneys shall be and remain as a security to the bank for the due payment of the said respective sums of £1000 each credited to a special suspense account with the said bank accordingly." Now, under this agreement the bank was bound sooner or later to appropriate this money in satisfaction, in part or in whole, of the debt of the Theatre and Opera House Company. It was to be so appropriated, not "if" the bank should deem it prudent, but "when and so soon as the bank may deem prudent." The time of appropriation, therefore, was the only thing left in the discretion of the bank. The bank, in fact, received the money in trust to appropriate it in satisfaction in whole or in part of the principal debt. Again, the bank was not to pay any interest on the moneys deposited until so appropriated, but had the uncontrolled use of the money for its own purposes and, as I understand, it was admitted that the bank had so used the money. So far, it appears clear to me, that the transaction amounted to a payment; but the agreement further provides that the moneys should be and remain as a security for the due payment of £1000 each. One of the tests whether the transaction was a security and not a payment is whether an equity of redemption remained in the depositors of this money. How could they redeem their security? It could only be by paying to the bank over again the sum of £1000 each, and then demanding from the bank the return of the £1000 deposited as security for the due payment of the £1000! which appears to me to be a *reductio ad absurdum*. Again, it does not appear to me consistent with this deposit of money being treated as a security redeemable by depositors that the bank should have given a release to take effect immediately on the execution of the agreement. By that release the liability under the guarantee was in effect extinguished as between the bank and the depositors, and the consideration for such release was expressed to be the payment of the several sums to the credit of a suspense account with the bank. Could the depositors then at a subsequent time come in and redeem their security—*i. e.* call on the bank to refund these moneys as having been paid in as security only? I think not. Now let me consider the case on the assumption that this is a security and not a payment. If so, it must be a security taken by the bank in substitution for the liability of O'Connor, Hart, and Freehill, under their guarantee. If that is so, the bank would be bound to hand over such security to any of the co-guarantors who paid the principal debt. In other words, the co-guarantor would pay with one hand the full amount, £6250, and receive with the other hand £3000. If, however, the co-guarantor was not aware of this agreement, or repudiated it (which he could do, not being a party to it), he could compel any of the depositors to pay his proportion of the principal debt over again. And it would be no answer to him to say that he had already paid the bank £1000 in discharge of his liability. Having then paid his portion of the principal debt, could he call on the bank to refund him the £1000 deposited? The answer of the bank would be—No; you have deposited the £1000 as security for your liability to us under your guarantee, which we fixed at £1000, and in consideration for such deposit we have given you a release. As the nature of this transaction must be determined by the construction of the agreement itself, I do not think that the cases cited throw any light on it. The case of ex parte Caldicott, 25 ch., D. 716, appears to be clearly distinguishable. In that case one member of a firm had given a mortgage over his own land as security for the firm's debt with a bank. Subsequently he sold the land, the bank joining in the sale, and the proceeds of the sale were deposited with the bank in the name of the mortgagor at interest. It was arranged that until demand of the debt the mortgagor should be entitled to draw the interest half-yearly, and that in case of demand of payment of the debt, the bank might, after the expiration of 12 months from the time of making the demand, but not sooner, apply the principal and accrued interest in payment of the debt of the firm. The Court held that under these circumstances, the proceeds of the sale remained as security in place of the mortgage. But in that case the bank had no control over the money. The interest was to be paid to the mortgagor, and the principal could only be applied by the bank after the lapse of 12 months from the demand for payment. Upon the most careful consideration I can give to this agreement, I am of opinion that it is in effect a payment and not a security, and that the transaction was so worded to give it the colour of a security in order, if possible, to enable the bank to prove in the bankrupt's estate for the full amount, and so get as large a dividend as possible. For these reasons I think the appeal ought to be dismissed, with costs.

Appeal, by majority, dismissed, with costs.

No. 1 Jury Court.—(*Before the* CHIEF JUSTICE *and a jury of four.*)

TIERNEY AND OTHERS V. CASEY.

Mr. Bateman, instructed by Messrs. Ellis, Makinson, and Plunkett, appeared for the plaintiffs. Defendant, Michael Casey, did not appear. This was an action of ejectment to recover possession of 7¾ perches of land at Petersham.

Verdict for the plaintiff.

PETRIE V. SWIFT.

Mr. Hanbury Davies and Mr. Garland appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Rolin for the defendant. This matter was referred to arbitration.

MELDRUM AND ANOTHER V. DAVIES AND ANOTHER.

On the application of Mr. Cohen, this case was allowed to stand over until next sittings, with a view to a settlement.

No. 2 Jury Court.—(*Before Mr. Justice* INNES *and a jury of four.*)

BEARCHELL V. ANDREWS AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Gannon and Mr. Noble, instructed by John Williamson and Son (for J. K. Malcolm, of Crookwell), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Field, instructed by Mr. G. E. Russell Jones (for Mr. H. S. Gannon), for defendant. This was an action brought by Thomas Bearchell against H. P. Andrews and Austin C. De Lauret, trading as Andrews and De Lauret, to recover the sum of £142 3s 8d and interest in connection with a stock transaction. The plaintiff's case was that he had bought certain sheep from the defendants, and gave a promissory note for the amount of the purchase money, which matured in January. Subsequently the plaintiff put some sheep in the hands of defendants for sale, and they retained the proceeds, without authority, as the plaintiff contended, as part payment of the amount due to them, although the promissory note was not then due. The main plea filed by defendants was one on equitable grounds, and set out that plaintiff was indebted to them in the sum of £152 1s for sheep purchased by him, and this sum remained unpaid. Afterwards the plaintiff brought back the sheep to them, and they sold them on behalf of plaintiff for £142 3s 8d; and, with the leave of the plaintiff, applied the amount in reduction of the plaintiff's liability to them.

Verdict for the plaintiff in the full amount claimed, plaintiff to have leave to issue execution and tax his costs during vacation.

MAYNE V. M'MAHON AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. H. A. Lyons, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. C. C. Read, for defendants. This was an action brought by Olivia Sabina Mayne, a married woman, against James M'Mahon and Charles M'Mahon to recover £187 15s, being the amount claimed by her for the hire and performances of the fighting kangaroo known as "Jack," which recently appeared as one of the attractions of the Evangeline Company at the Criterion Theatre. It appeared, according to the plaintiff's case that on the 9th July, 1891, she entered into an agreement at Melbourne, under which she arranged to allow the defendants the use of the kangaroo in conjunction with the performance of their company in Melbourne, Ballarat, Sydney, and Brisbane. Although a married woman she had, since the passing of the Married Women's Property Act of 1879, worked and earned money at Jamieson, Victoria, for herself by making fancy articles, and she invested the money thus obtained in the purchase of the kangaroo, which she desired to retain as a pet. Subsequently, however, as a pastime, she taught the animal various tricks, and on several occasions the kangaroo was exhibited publicly. Some time afterwards she entered into an agreement with the defendants to give a series of performances of the kangaroo together with Richard Von Lindeman, who was engaged as its keeper, commencing on the 11th July, 1891, at Ballarat. Upon the termination of that engagement she agreed to give defendants the exclusive right to all such future performances for the sum of £25 weekly, which included the services of Von Lindeman. The kangaroo fulfilled his engagement for 10 weeks, appearing with the Evangeline Company in Melbourne and Sydney. "Jack" was then taken to the Northern district, and on the 30th October treated the residents of Newcastle to a matinee and evening performance. Next day he appeared at Wallsend but, unfortunately, died on the following Monday. The full amount due originally was £245 and credit was given for £57 5s, leaving a balance of £187 15s, the amount sued for.

The defendants filed a number of pleas in answer. The first set up that the plaintiff being a married woman could not sue without her husband, and the second that she did not purchase the kangaroo out of her own earnings after the passing of the Married Women's Property Act. They also alleged that the agreement was rescinded by mutual consent and a new agreement entered into; and they further submitted on their particulars that they had paid plaintiff the sum of £162 19s.

Mr. Armstrong moved for a nonsuit on the ground that plaintiff could not sue for the earnings of the kangaroo, even although it was her separate property, under the Act.

His HONOR declined to take the case from the jury, and evidence was called for the defence to show that during the trip the contract was varied owing to the eccentric conduct of the kangaroo, who sometimes refused to perform, and that the plaintiff agreed to take £10 per week.

At 4 o'clock his Honor adjourned the case until Monday, the 7th March.

No. 3 Jury Court.—(*Before his Honor Mr. Justice* STEPHEN *and juries of four.*)

FLETCHER V. MEREDEETH AND ANOTHER.

Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Mr. J. Clayton, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Noble, instructed by Mr. A. J. Cormack, for the defendants.

The action was one by the widow of the late George Fletcher for the ejectment of James and William Meredeeth from a farm of eight acres at Auburn.

At the close of plaintiff's case Mr. Noble applied for a nonsuit on the grounds that the document purporting to be a lease was not a deed under seal, and therefore plaintiff could not take advantage of the Act for facilitating leases; and also that as in the lease power of re-entry was only reserved to the lessor, the right did not extend to the administrator.

Mr. Stephen submitted that the document, even though it carried no seal, should be taken to be a deed; and that if not it should be construed as indicating the intention of the parties.

His HONOR said there seemed to him to be prima facie evidence that the document was a deed, but he left it to the jury to decide.

The hearing of the case was continued. Defendants denied that any seal was placed on the lease, or that proper demand had been made for the rent.

The jury, after briefly deliberating, found for the plaintiff.

STEPHENS V. RICE.

Mr. J. L. Campbell applied for the plaintiff; defendant was not represented.

This was a claim by Richard Stephens on behalf of Wm. Nunn (deceased) against Henry Rice for £104 15s 6d, part of the purchase money of a shop. An agreement was entered into between the parties under which defendant agreed to purchase for £300, the money to be paid at the rate of one guinea per week. Defendant entered into possession in April, 1888, and continued in possession until the present. At the time of action in July 168 weeks' payments were due, upon which £71 12s 6d had been paid, and the present claim was for the difference, £104 15s 6d. Verdict for the plaintiff for the amount claimed.

In Equity.—(*Before his Honor Mr. Justice* OWEN, *Chief Judge in Equity.*)

WATKINSON V. READ.

Mr. Knox appeared for the plaintiff, Joseph Watkinson, and the defendants, Frederick Charles Farmer and Thomas Charles Read, appeared in person. The plaintiff and the defendants are the trustees of the will of Margaret Watkinson, deceased, and the plaintiff asked for an injunction to restrain the defendants from dealing with the trust estate without consulting the plaintiff. The plaintiff's affidavit showed that the defendants had managed the trust estate, and carried out the trusts of the will, entirely without consulting the plaintiff. The defendants had refused to permit the plaintiff to take any share in the management of the trust estate or to see to the investment of the funds. Mr. Knox stated that the plaintiff did not desire to go on with the injunction if the defendants would give an undertaking not to take any important steps without consulting the plaintiff. The defendant, Frederick Charles Farmer, stated that they desired to have the assistance of the plaintiff in the management of the estate, but that he refused to assist them. The defendants had taken no important step, and did not desire to do so, without consulting the plaintiff. Mr. Knox stated that he would not go on with the interim injunction, but he would, on the undertaking of the defendants, not take any further steps in the matter until the hearing.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL V. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF SYDNEY.

In this matter, which was an application on behalf of the defendants for security for costs, his Honor dismissed the application with costs.

MELLIDAY V. DENHAM AND ANOTHER (PART HEARD).

Mr. Cohen and Mr. Ralston, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Hamilton, appeared for the plaintiff, John Melliday; and Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., and Mr. Gregory Walker, instructed by Messrs. Allen and Allen, appeared for the defendants, Edward Richard William Denham and Digby Denham. The plaintiff prayed that it might be declared that the plaintiff was not a partner of the defendants Digby Denham and E. R. W. Denham, and that the partnership which had existed between them ceased on the 30th June, 1890, and that an account of the partnership transactions be taken. The defendants set out that the accounts between the parties had been settled and adjusted, with the exception of two trivial items, and the plaintiff had no right to open or go behind the settled accounts.

The further hearing of this suit was adjourned until after vacation.

UNSETTLED MATTERS.

His HONOR said he would make a general order, and all matters in the equitable jurisdiction which were not concluded might be settled during vacation by the Deputy Registrar or the Chief Clerk.

In Probate Jurisdiction.—(*Before his Honor Mr. Justice* MANNING.)

PROBATES AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

Probate was granted in the estates of John Falconer, Joseph Long, William Byrnes, Edward Edwards, Sarah Benson, Louis Buchanan, Alexander Munro, Denis Byrne, Isabella Hay, Robert Turnbull, Alfred Bingham, William Winley, James O'Hear.

Letters of administration were granted in the following estates:—William Koler, Michael Nolan, Josiah Thomas Cook, Rebecca Symonds, Thomas Robertson, Richard Harvey, Mads Jorgensen.

In Chambers.—(*Before Mr. Justice* STEPHEN.)

EX PARTE ALFRED BENNETT.

Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Messrs. Montagu and Herbert, appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Piddington, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, for the respondents. This was an application to make absolute a rule nisi, granted on the 7th instant, for a writ of prohibition to restrain Mr. O'Malley Clarke, S.M., and Inspector Potter from further proceeding in respect of the conviction of Alfred Bennett, who was fined £5 and costs for a breach of subsection 2 of clause 8 of the Betting Houses Suppression Act, in publishing in the *Town and Country Journal* an advertisement signed, "Address Tattersall, care of G. Adams, Tattersall's, Pitt-street, Sydney," in reference to a consultation sweep over the Metropolitan, which was about to be run at Randwick. Counsel for appellant stated that the evidence simply was that a man had posted an application to the above address, and had received in return certain tickets and documents, which were put in evidence. The grounds of appeal were—1. That the evidence was not sufficient to show any breach of the eighth section of the Betting Houses Suppression Act. 2. That evidence of the conviction of two other persons on a similar charge was wrongly admitted. 3. That the advertisement did not make it appear that any person offered to give information on a contingency relating to a horse race. 4. That there was not sufficient evidence that the advertisement referred to a contingency on a horse race. 5. That there was not sufficient evidence that the information was offered in connection with any house or place used for receiving money. 6. That there was no evidence that any person named "Tattersall" kept or used a place contrary to the Act.

His HONOR, after hearing argument, said that in his opinion the advertisement did not make it appear that information would be furnished on application in reference to a contingency on a horse race. He also thought that the evidence which was given that certain persons had pleaded guilty to a charge of assisting at one of these sweeps, was inadmissible, and he could not understand how any magistrate could have dreamt of admitting such evidence.

Appeal sustained, with costs and prohibition to go.

In Divorce.—(*Before Mr. Justice* WINDEYER.)

BRADLEY V. BRADLEY.

Mr. Ralston appeared for the petitioner, Emily Bradley, in support of a motion for the custody of the two younger children, who are girls, of the respective ages of 9 and 10. Mr. Whitfeld appeared for the respondent, Walter Bradley, and said that as the petitioner's affidavits had only been served yesterday afternoon, he asked for an adjournment. He also took the preliminary objection that a summons for the custody of children could not be heard in Chambers, but must be taken in Court. Upon this objection being waived Mr. Ralston consented to an adjournment until the 16th February.

JONES V. JONES.

Mr. Ralston, instructed by Mr. C. R. A. Smith, appeared for petitioner, Matilda Jones, and moved for a writ of attachment against respondent, George William Jones, for non-payment of the sum of £50, which the Court had directed him to pay towards his wife's costs on or before yesterday.

The application was granted, and it was ordered that the writ should issue.

In Bankruptcy.—(*Before the Registrar, Mr.* ARTHUR HENRY.)

ESTATES SEQUESTRATED.

Re Hudson Bros. v. Edward Lambert. On the motion of Mr. S. Dowling, who appeared for the petitioning creditors, the Registrar made an order sequestrating the estate of the respondent, declared the date of the act of bankruptcy to be the 17th September, and appointed Mr. L. T. Lloyd official assignee.

Re Sippell Bros. v. A. Trikojus. On the motion of Mr. D. L. Levy, who appeared for the petitioning creditors, the Registrar made an order sequestrating the estate of the respondent, declared the date of the act of bankruptcy to be the 8th December, and appointed Mr. A. Morris official assignee.

Re Leonard Dodd v. Frank M. Bladen. On the motion of Mr. Schrader, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, the Registrar made an order sequestrating the estate of the respondent, declared the date of the act of bankruptcy to be the 22nd November, and appointed Mr. E. M. Stephen official assignee.

CREDITOR'S PETITIONS WITHDRAWN.

Re the Mont de Piété v. H. B. Richards. This matter having been settled, leave was given to the petitioning company to withdraw the petition.

CREDITORS' PETITION ADJOURNED.

Re Edward Mason Hunt, of Rose Bay, and the Rev. William Lumsdaine, of Gladesville, v. Charles Edward Jeanneret, creditors' petition. Mr. Thompson appeared on behalf of the petitioning creditors, and Mr. Palmer to oppose the petition. Mr. Palmer said that the circumstances of that case were of an unusual nature. A meeting of the creditors of the respondent had been held, at which it was unanimously decided that nothing would be gained by the respondent being forced to go into the court, and it would therefore be better to give him time. The petitioners had not fallen in with that view of the matter, but were pressing for a sequestration order against Mr. Jeanneret. He (Mr. Palmer), acting on behalf of the creditors, had tendered in gold the amount of their debt, with costs, to the solicitors for the petitioners, but they had refused to accept it. He was quite at a loss to account for their unwillingness in that respect. He did not see how the petitioners could expect to get more than 20s in the £, and that was what he had offered them. It was worth mentioning that the respondent was a member of Parliament, and if his estate were sequestrated it would *ipso facto* cause him to lose his seat; but there was nothing to prevent him from being re-elected. He was also an alderman, but if that seat were vacated by him he would not be able to again become a candidate until after he had got his certificate. In the circumstances, he had to ask that the matter be adjourned to afford an opportunity for Mr. Jeanneret's creditors to object to the sequestration order being made. The Registrar said that it was an extraordinary thing that the two creditors should urge their petition in the face of the fact that they could now get payment in full. Of course, there must be something behind their unwillingness. The hearing of the petition would be adjourned until the 7th January; the respondent to pay £2 2s costs.

Re M. Neustadt and Co. v. John Wilson. Adjourned to the 7th January.

Re Sydney Agency and Finance Company, Limited, v. George H. Holmes. Adjourned to the 7th January.

Re Joseph Israel v. M. de Lambert. Adjourned to the 7th January.

Re Bernard M'Bride v. W. H. T. Passmore. Adjourned to the 7th January.

Re C. L. Tange v. Archibald Dickson. Adjourned to the 18th February.

CREDITOR'S PETITION STRUCK OUT.

Re John Harris v. James Otis Phillips. This matter was not prosecuted, and it was therefore struck out.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

The Registrar ordered that certificates be issued to Walter George Kendall and James Casserly.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

The hearing of applications for certificates lodged by the undermentioned bankrupts was adjourned:—Henry Rawes Whittell, to the 14th January; Henry James Davis, to the 24th February; Andrew Wilson, to the 14th January; William Horspool, to the 24th February; Ferdinand Max Hermann, to the 14th January; George Willis Bro. Martin to the 24th February.

EXAMINATION OF BANKRUPTS.

Re Frederick Bennion. The bankrupt deposed that he had been employed as manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company at £750 a year. He had no idea what commission he received, but as he spent £343 0s 2d, he supposed that was the amount of commission which he received. He had several transactions with Barrington, a bookmaker. He remembered paying a bookmaker £78. Eighteen months ago he was living in Western Australia, and managing the Equitable Life Assurance Company. While in Western Australia he had several yachts, but he did not own more than one yacht at a time. The last yacht was sold for £190, he thought. He lost all his luggage and books coming from Adelaide to Melbourne. In Western Australia he won two cups, worth respectively £15 and £10. The cups had been sold to a silversmith in Sydney, at 2s 6d an ounce, and fetched about £4 1s. He sold all the land he had for £125. He could not say whether he had expectations of inheriting money.

Re Allaster Edward Cox. The bankrupt said he wished to add a pony to his assets, and to lessen the cash in hand by £6. Witness purchased a travelling-bag for £18. He had not the bag now. He gave a pony to Mr. Pilcher. At that time witness was indebted to creditors whose names were in his statement of affairs. The pony was injured, but was not worthless. There was money owing for stabling at the time. The proceeds of a gig (about £25) went to pay off Angus and Sons' account. Witness had been earning about £1200 a year. He bought the travelling-bag for a wedding present six or eight months ago. It cost between £20 and £30. He bought some jewellery, which he gave away. The bankrupt was ordered to file accounts, and his further examination was adjourned till the 24th February.

Re Albertus Abraham Langeveldie. The bankrupt, a fruiterer, deposed that his bankruptcy was caused by the failure of the British-Australian Land and Banking Company and the New South Wales Nursery and Orchard Company, and the pulling down of the George-street Markets.

Re John Hay. The bankrupt deposed that his bankruptcy was caused by his taking shares in the British Australian Land and Banking Company. He paid £247 10s, money which he had saved, to the British Australian Company.

Re Thomas Gollan. The bankrupt deposed that he had been trading to the Brunswick River. His bankruptcy was caused by the loss of a vessel which he had chartered.

The undermentioned bankrupts were also examined:—Hector Caldwell, John Simpson, William Patrick Godfrey, Jabez Bellion, John Morrow.

The examination of the undermentioned bankrupts was adjourned:—Joseph Rebello, to 24th February; William P. Smairl, to 17th February; John Park Wilson, to 24th February; Thomas M'Greal, to 24th February; Jabez Bellion (further examination), to 24th February.

CREDITOR'S RESOLUTION.

Re Jeannette Field. A resolution allowing the bankrupt to retain furniture was approved.

SEQUESTRATION ORDERS.

Frederick Denning, formerly of Sydney, but now of Crookwell. Mr. E. M. Stephen, official assignee.

Josiah Parker, junior, of Orange, chemist. Mr. A. Morris, official assignee.

William Langkop, of Chisholm-lane, Sydney. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

John Reay, of Cardiff, miner. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

Joshua Reynolds, of 81 Darling-street, Glebe, and M'Mahon's Point, yacht and boat builder. Mr. E. M. Stephen, official assignee.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

WEDNESDAY.

(*Before his Honor Judge* GIBSON.)

CROAKER V. HAMILTON.

This was a claim by Mrs. Croaker against Mrs. Hamilton, of Wynyard-square, to recover £16 16s 2d, the balance of an amount due upon borrowed money. Defendant pleaded never indebted, as the sum of £20 was paid in part satisfaction of her claim for board and lodging for plaintiff's daughter. Verdict for plaintiff for £15 1s, to be paid in instalments of £1 per month.

BANKS SMITH V. HILL.

The plaintiff, Harold Banks Smith, of 127 Phillip-street, Sydney, sued Wm. C. Hill, of Albion-street, Surry Hills, to recover £81 10s 11d, money lent, with interest. Defendant pleaded never indebted, and by way of set-off, to amount of commission agreed to be paid by plaintiff to defendant on obtaining loan of £8500 on security of freehold property on mortgage, £100, less cost of buggy (£20), £80. Verdict for the defendant.

SINCLAIR V. KILPATRICK.

The plaintiff, George Henry Sinclair, of Union-lane, Sydney, sued Joseph Kilpatrick, of Pyrmont, to recover £44 14s 2d for goods sold and delivered. Defendant pleaded never indebted, and that plaintiff did not deliver the goods in accordance with the agreement. Verdict for plaintiff in the amount claimed.

GANNON V. MAJOR.

The plaintiff in this action was C. M. Gannon, and the defendant F. E. Major, and the claim was for £25, amount of commission on a loan of £500 obtained by the plaintiff for defendant. By consent a verdict was entered for the plaintiff for £26 1s.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY V. NICHOL.

This was a claim by the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage against B. B. Nichol, of Onslow-avenue, to recover £56 5s 6d, rates due. Verdict for plaintiffs in the amount claimed.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

In Lunacy.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Lunacy matters.

DISTRICT COURT.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24.

(Before his Honor Judge Gibson.)

Mathison v. Justin (part heard), Sum Kwong Loy v. Cotterell, Rosser v. Storeman, Evans v. Watt, Feis v. Lasslett, Morgan v. Backhouse and another, Train v. Whitehouse, Colvie v. Stuart, Goodwin v. Cohen, Herman v. Russell, Johnston v. Brown Bros., Knaggs v. Beslow, Knaggs v. Coonan, jun.

THE CHARGES AGAINST ANDREW FITZGERALD.

In the Charge Division of the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. O'Malley Clarke, S.M., the hearing of the charges against Andrew Fitzgerald, late manager of the Trades and Labour Co-operative Store Company, was continued, the particular charge taken being that of having falsified the share register of the company. Mr. C. M. Hughes (Messrs. Slattery and Heydon) appeared for the prosecution. The prisoner was undefended.

Detective West deposed to having charged the accused with falsifying the share register of the company. The prisoner had made no reply.

Peter Joseph Brennan, chairman of the board of directors of the Trades and Labour Co-operative Store Company, deposed that the accused was managing director of the company, his salary being £5 a week. Witness, at a meeting of the board, made certain charges against the accused, and on the 27th November a committee was appointed to inquire into them. He was dismissed on the 11th December. Inquiries which were made showed that the accused was not a shareholder in the company, though the rules of association required that the managing director should be a shareholder. At a special meeting of the board of directors, held on the 1st December, the accused produced the share register of the company. He said it contained the names of the whole of the shareholders of the company. The directors searched the book, and failed to find Fitzgerald's name in it. Accused admitted to witness that he did not hold shares, but that he could become a shareholder. Immediately afterwards he said, "Mr. Brennan is cute, but I am cuter than he. Anticipating some such action as this I have purposely left my name off the register. I hold 20 shares in the company, and I have paid £5 on them, which I can prove at any time. This is not the only share-register." He was then warned by the directors not to meddle further with the books of the company. The following resolution was then carried by the meeting,—"That all documents, books, keys, and moneys of the Trades and Labour Co-operative Store Company be handed over to the custody of Mr. J. A. Fraser, who shall account for the same to the directors on behalf of the shareholders of the company." A meeting of the finance committee was held on the following morning, when an index-register was produced. This book contained a list of the whole of the shareholders, and in it was an entry in the handwriting of the accused, showing that he held 20 shares, and had paid £5 on them. The ink was scarcely dry on the entry at the time when the accused showed it to the committee. There was no record of the accused having applied for shares in the company. Witness found afterwards, on searching, that the shares alleged to have been allotted to Fitzgerald had been allotted to and paid for by other members of the company.

John Stoke, cashier in the employ of the company, also gave evidence. Cross-examined by the accused, witness said there had been some mistake in the numbering of the shares.

John A. Fraser, one of the directors of the company, and a member of the committee of inquiry, gave corroborative evidence.

Charles Craigie deposed that he held 20 paid-up shares, numbered 536 to 555.

James Cronin deposed to holding 20 paid-up shares, numbered from 556 to 575.

The numbers of the shares which the accused alleged that he held were numbered from 543 to 562.

Phillip Callachor, public accountant, appointed by the directors to go through the books, deposed that he had found no record of money paid by the accused for shares alleged to be held by him.

The prisoner was committed for trial, and was remanded for a week on the third charge of having embezzled £2852 belonging to the company.

Bail was granted to the accused, himself in £500, and a surety of £500, on each of the three charges.

SUBSIDY TO MEAT EXPORT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Several correspondents having asked if I was practising what I preached, and if I had reduced the number of our breeding ewes, I think it well to state that we have reduced by over 25 per cent., and that I find most of my neighbours have reduced in about the same proportion; and that several large breeders have told me that they had cut down their numbers to give them just as much surplus stock as they can fatten. I think the number of breeding ewes will be reduced this season from 24 millions to 18 millions, and if I am correct, the output of lambs will be reduced by four millions. This will be a great help. Our proposal to raise a subsidy to meat export by means of a general levy is meeting with substantial support, and very little opposition. I am glad to see that a similar proposal, brought forward by Mr. W. Kellett in Queensland, is also being well supported, and a draft bill has been submitted. The following extract from a letter from the president of the Beefsteak Club in England to Lord Onslow, in New Zealand, should inspire us with hope and confidence. Referring to some New Zealand mutton that had been sent to the club, the president wrote:—"The mutton is better than I can buy in Chichester. Can the club make arrangements for a regular supply of same quality? and if so, shall we have to pay more than our London butchers' price for English mutton?" Although New South Wales as a whole cannot hope to compete with New Zealand as regards quality of mutton suitable for England, yet there is no reason whatever why crossbred mutton equal to the best New Zealand should not be grown on the rich Liverpool Plains and Hunter River flats, and shipped in as good condition and at as little expense from Aberdeen Freezing Works. Prime New Zealand mutton, even on the present unusually low market, has been fetching up to 4½d; the market is quoted as the very worst for years, it being glutted with inferior importations from Holland, and inferior English ewe mutton rushed into the market on account of the wet weather and floods. In this very lowest market a prime crossbred wether (say, 60lb. of frozen meat) would, with the pelt, nett to owner 12s. At these prices it would surely pay to fatten crossbred sheep in our rich country, within easy reach of the freezing works. If gone into with a will and judiciously, I anticipate great things within a few years out of our export of meat trade. One of our troubles is the difficulty of growing good crossbred sheep; they are the most difficult sheep of any to grow. If great care is not observed, in a few years the experimenter finds himself with brutes with almost no wool, and a not very much increased carcase. It can be done, however, and several breeders (Mr. Wils-Allan and others) have succeeded in producing a valuable breed of crossbred sheep.

I am, &c.,
December 17. C. FETHERSTONHAUGH.

KENSINGTON for Park frontages, lovely drives, pure air, and all advantages accruing to suburban residence. No other spot like this Estate left for sale between Sydney and Parramatta. This is a fact. Sell out and buy at Kensington. No costly travelling expenses for residents. Tram from Bridge-street every 20 minutes. Brodie and Watkins, 108 Pitt-street.—[ADVT.]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—December 23.

Bega (s.), 505 tons, Captain William O. Hersee, from Eden and Southern ports December 22. Passengers—Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Bushby, Mrs. Mestby, Mrs. M'Ginnis, Mrs. Blunt, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Chesling, Miss Mortimer, Miss Donovan, Miss M'Cloud, Miss Wallard, Miss Smith, Miss Callingham, Misses Kautors (2), Miss Hayes, Messrs. M'Gill, Gonsales, Roberts, Day, Munday, Hunter, Blunt, Barber, Motely, Nobust, Cunningham, Duff, Hooper, Morrell, Love, Stewart, Bailey, Miller, Dilman, Kautors, Riley, Douglas, Winters, Walker, Plant, Elliott, Dow (3), Lansdown, M'Ginnis, Meeke, Clark, Green, Merry (2), Emerton, Smith (2), Adams, Jardine, Power, Johnson, Master Blunt, and 18 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, agents.

Wendouree (s.), 1040 tons, Captain P. Le Neveu, from Newcastle, en route to Melbourne. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi (s.), 1414 tons, Captain W. A. Knowles, from Newcastle 22nd instant. Hunter River New S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Sydney (s.), 634 tons, Captain William Anderson, from Newcastle 22nd instant. Newcastle S. S. Company, Limited, agents.

Allowrie (s.), 594 tons, Captain George Walker, from Kiama and Wollongong 22nd instant. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Saucy Jack, schooner, 156 tons, Captain Richards, from Dungeness. B. M. Corrigan and Co., agents.

Macleay (s.), 400 tons, Captain H. Wood, from Richmond River December 22. Passengers—Mrs. Asquirth, Mrs. O'Neil, Mrs. Hughes and 2 children, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Sasse, Mrs. Silva, Miss Sasse, Messrs. J. Silva, W. Osbourne, J. Johnson, R. G. Hill, W. Francis, H. Conway, W. Burke, W. Roffy, O. Polley, R. Forbes, J. Morley, A. Selkirk, T. Smith, P. Vale, J. Deacon, J. Campbell, J. Stirling, E. Blore, J. S. Alexandra, Master Fraser, and 26 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—December 23.

Wodonga (s.), for Brisbane and Northern ports.
Erlangen (s.), for Hamburg, via ports.
Uncle John, schooner, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.
Adelaide, schooner, for Thames.
Rockton (s.), for Noumea, Fiji, and New Hebrides
Mararoa (s.), for Wellington and ports.
Canonnie, yacht, for Hobart.
Rockton (s.), for New Hebrides, via New Caledonia and Fiji.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—December 24.

Culgoa (s.), for London via ports; Chingtu (s.), for Hongkong via ports; Tasso (s.), for Noumea; Lubeck (s.), for Apia and Tonga; Mount Stewart, ship, for London; Cairnbulg, barque, for London; Kosciusko, barque, for San Diego via Newcastle; Don Carlos, barque, for Honolulu via Newcastle; Hauroto (s.), for Auckland and N. Z. ports; Barcoo (s.), for Melbourne; Wendouree (s.), for Melbourne; Newcastle (s.), for Newcastle; Coomonderry (s.), for Shoalhaven.

CLEARANCES.—December 23.

Mararoa (s.), 2465 tons, Captain Chatfield, for Wellington and ports. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Dyson and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Arbon, Mr. and Mrs. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rees and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Brown and family, Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Doneghue, Mrs. Pinkus, Mrs. Alexander and children, Mrs. Armstrong and child, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Ingle and daughter, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Hammond and child, Mrs. Turner and child, Mrs. Samuel and child, Miss Grossmann, Miss Johnston, Miss Barrington, Miss Philp, Miss O'Dowd, Miss Lovegrove, Miss Connor, Miss Swanson, Miss Carr, Miss Kingdom, Miss Tozvill, Miss Welsh, Miss Watson, Miss Pullen, Miss Evans, Miss Ingle, Miss Willcox, Messrs. J. Wilson, Cameron, Herald, Destrees, F. Stephens, Watson, Rorke, Matthias, Glassert, H. H. Hill, Cooper, Parkinson, W. Brown, J. S. Smith, W. F. Smith, G. Evans, A. Evans, Hastie, J. Tyndall, A. Barnett, W. R. Cureton, Evettiar, M. Levinsohn, Gross, J. S. Burns, R. Grant, A. F. Hill, H. Hamilton, Brimacombe, Toll, Rainton, J. Paterson, Toswell, Pollard, C. K. W. Harris, D. Cameron, L. H. and W. E. Howard, Davis, E. J. Robson, W. Shand, Swanson, Fraser, Rev. J. Dumbell, Dr. Hothouse, and 165 in the steerage.

Erlangen (s.), 2750 tons, Captain Emil Ohnsorg, for Hamburg, via ports. Passengers: For Antwerp—Miss Louise C. Bockley. For Colombo: Mr. P. Kranter.

Lubeck (s.), 1815 tons, Captain F. Mentz, for Tonga and Samoa. Passengers: For Tonga—Dr. H. ten Kate. For Apia: Captain C. H. Tierney, Mrs. Tierney, Sister Marie Alphonse, Rev. Mr. Haumonte, Rev. Liku mo Akuaka, Mr. F. Burchardt, Mr. J. Beckmann.

Rockton (s.), 1071 tons, Captain C. Saunders, for Noumea, New Hebrides, and Levuka. Passengers—Miss Haddock, Mr. M'Auley, and three in the second cabin.

Wodonga (s.), 2408 tons, Captain R. Armstrong, for Brisbane and Northern ports. Passengers—Mrs. Rogers, child, and infant, Mrs. Bassilla, Mrs. Sangster, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. L. J. Bruckenbury, Mrs. A. J. Davies and infant, Mrs. Rowell, Miss E. Ashford, Miss N. Stafford, Miss C. Stafford, Miss Jordan, Miss Hampton, Miss M. G. Foley, Captain M'Clintock, Messrs. J. Barker, J. R. Barker, J. Ross, Allard, P. Colley, D. J. Martin, L. Rosenweig, E. Riddle, Joseph Hodel, J. M. Bowie, M. Long, Findlay, A. Frost, Alfred Shewcroft, W. Macfarlane, Howell, M'Combie, W. Hall, L. J. Brackenbury, A. R. Taylor, Master Foley, Master H. M'Artney, Master E. M'Artney, Master G. Drake, Master P. Vance, and 30 in the second cabin.

Tasso (s.), 2494 tons, Captain Edward Dilly, for Noumea, in ballast.

Seringa, barque, 1116 tons, Captain H. Hansen, for Rio de Janeiro.

Uncle John, barquentine, 299 tons, Captain W. N. Peck, for Honolulu and San Francisco, via Newcastle.

Adelaide, barquentine, 217 tons, Captain John Dunn, for Thames, N.Z., via Newcastle, in ballast.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—December 23.

Ability and Sarah Beattie, for Cape Hawke; Jessie Sinclair and Marie, for Newcastle; Annie, for Wollongong; Lark, for Kiama.

IMPORTS.—December 23.

[A special charge is made for consignees' announcements in this column.]

Saucy Jack, from Dungeness: 24 pieces machinery, 1890 bags sugar.

EXPORTS.—December 23.

Wodonga (s.), for Queensland ports: 3580 sacks flour, 50 bags potatoes, 185 bags onions, 200 bags rice, 70 sacks oats, 20 sacks oatmeal, 26 cases and 10 bales hops, 15 cases cordials, 15 quarter-casks brandy, 220 packages tea, 131 packages tobacco, 40 cases schnapps, 114 cases cheese, 15 packages sultanas, 24 cases cornflour, 15 casks and 25 cases beer, 2 kegs and 29 cases butter, 8 cases cigars, 230 cases milk, 10 cases geneva, 707 cases fruit, 10 kegs ale, 6 cases bacon, 10 cases jam, 10 bales hair, 4 cases pianos, 29 packages lathing, 56 packages oil, 30 packages bags, 200 boxes candles, 10 packages bottles, 25 kegs castings, 56 packages boots, 3155 bailots fibre, 50 boxes tinplates, 26 bars and 65 bundles iron, 200 bundles brooms, 30 bundles wire, 50 packages and pieces ironwork, 12 cases kerosene, 10 cases castor oil, and sundries.

Rockton (s.), for Noumea, New Hebrides, and Suvea: 800 sacks flour, 605 bags rice, 20 cases and 150 bags sugar, 57 cases fruit, 69 bags dholl, 448 bags potatoes, 40 bags onions, 124 packages tea, 45 cases beer, 15 cases geneva, 31 cases stout, 6 cases brandy, 20 barrels spirits, 31 cases whisky, 15 cases cheese, 80 cases meats, 24 bags maize, 108 cases herrings, 3 tanks and 150 bags bran, 25 packages drugs, 150 bundles fruit cases, 1752 pieces timber, 7 bars copper, 378 kegs lead, 98 packages paint, 10 coils wire, 11 cases matches, 31 packages drapery, 20 cases turpentine, 19 packages nails, 38 packages hardware, 95 bales ore pockets, 12 bales cornsacks, 110 bales gunnies, 22 bundles iron, 172 iron pots, 36 campovens and covers, 25 cases camphorwood chests, 11 coils wire, 20 reels paper, 50 drums and 35 cases oil, 7 cases grease, 40 packages machinery, 12 coils rope, 20 casks cement, 42 bags bolts, 12 cases picks, 16 packages shovels, 12 cases handles, 5 cases glass, 20 bales oakum, 20 cases and 40 boxes soap, 1 steam launch, 3 mules, and sundries.

Lubeck (s.), for Apia and Tonga: 60 bags flour, 382 bags rice, 15 bags sugar, 26 cases beer, 29 packages brandy, 10 cases wine, 15 packages tea, 30 cases geneva, 5 cases schnapps, 6 sacks salt, 10 cases milk, 6 cases butter, 25 cases kerosene, 10 lengths galvanised pipe, 50 kegs paint, 40 kegs white lead, 25 drums linseed oil, 12 cases window glass, 22 cases slates, 5 cases boots, 17 cases drapery, 6 wheels, 20 packages soap, 3 boxes silver coin (£1200), 415 packages merchandise, and sundries.

Erlangen (s.), for Hamburg, via ports: 6876 bales wool, 2171 bags ore, 16 casks casings, 223 cases glass, 5 bags gum and skins, 2 cases hair, and 16 packages sundries.

Seringa, barque, for Rio de Janeiro: 1658 tons shale.

Uncle John, barquentine, for San Francisco, via Newcastle: 8000ft. hardwood timber.

Mararoa (s.), for Wellington: 4418 bags sugar, 3460 cases fruit, 365 cases galvanised iron, 1950 spokes, 200 felloes, 108 packages tea, 265 pieces hardwood, 33 packages tobacco, 40 cases drapery, 70 boxes tinplates, 40 cases mineral waters, 20 cases pianos, 80 cases window-glass, 180 bundles wire, 28 cases figs, 112 packages Indian merchandise, 18 cases wine, 19 cases sultanas, 29 cases oil, 23 cases confectionery, 200 boxes elemes, 150 cases geneva, 11 coils wire rope, 100 kegs nails, 10 pairs naves, 140 cases matches, 10 cases hardware, 168 ingots copper, 20 shafts, 20 cases fancy goods, 9 casks fruitskins, 8 ingots tin, 6 ingots lead, 3 crates bottles, 14 cases books, 25 cases machinery, 5 cases cotton, 1 box watches, 10 kegs cement, 87 bars iron, 4 girder-plates, 368 bags oxide, 102 sacks flour, 22 pieces cedar, 6 ironbark girders, 24 cases acid, 30 empty hogsheads, 347 hides, 27 cases metal, 500 tons coal, and sundries.

The American ship Southern Cross, from New York, was berthed at Parbury's wharf yesterday morning to discharge.

The ship Cromdale took up a berth at the Circular Quay yesterday morning to load for London.

The ship Mount Stewart hauled out from the Central Wharf yesterday morning, and made fast to the Messageries Maritimes buoy in Neutral Bay. She will probably proceed to sea this morning.

Captain W. O. Hersee reports that the steamer Bega left Eden at 8 a.m. on the 22nd, called at Southern ports, and arrived at the company's wharf at 4.15 p.m.; passed Jervis Bay at 6.15 a.m. on the 23rd. Experienced fresh N.E. winds and head sea from Eden to arrival. Cargo: 620 bags bark, 59 bags bacon, 75 bags cattle food, 336 bales wool, 12 bales skins, 2 bales leather, 4 casks tallow, 217 kegs butter, 12 cases butter, 30 cases eggs, 4 cases lard, 3 cases cheese, 30 coops poultry, 70 pigs, horses, 18 calves, 4 buggy wheels, 40 sheep, 2 quarter-chests tea, 6 bags wool, 14 empty casks, 12 bags oysters, and sundries.

The four-masted ship Port Jackson was yesterday towed from the stream to a berth at the Central Wharf to load for London.

The ship Allerton hauled out from Hoffnung's wharf to an anchorage in the stream yesterday.

Captain H. Wood reports that the steamer Macleay crossed the Richmond Bar at 1 p.m. on the 22nd instant, and arrived in Sydney at midnight on the 23rd, having experienced variable winds, fine weather, during the passage. Cargo: 1200 sacks sugar, 1430 bags sugar, 35 kegs butter, 2 hides, 2 coops poultry.

The Saucy Jack, from Dungeness, left on the 12th instant, and had a good run down the coast.

H.M.S. Royalist, after docking for cleaning and overhaul, returned to Farm Cove yesterday.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. are in receipt of advice advising that the s.s. Fazilka, of the British-India line, is to leave Calcutta on the 26th instant, for Australia and New Zealand. They also yesterday chartered the Zephyr to load a cargo of coals at Newcastle for Townsville.

The Hereward is reported to have left Sharpness for Sydney on the 21st instant.

The four-masted ship Liverpool, to Messrs. Dalton Bros., from London to this port, was delayed 14 days in the English Channel by bad weather. The Liverpool is bringing out the largest cargo that ever left London, namely, 6600 tons weight and measurement.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Arcadia arrived at Colombo, homewards, on the afternoon of the 22nd.

The R.M.S. Britannia is due early this morning. A launch is to leave No. 8 Jetty at 8 o'clock.

The Valetta arrived at Suez, homewards, on the morning of the 22nd.

The Oldenburg arrived at Southampton on the morning of the 22nd.

THE MELANESIAN MISSION SCHOONER SOUTHERN CROSS.

Respecting the new Melanesian Mission auxiliary screw schooner Southern Cross, recently built in England, and her subsequent misfortune in the English Channel, Captain William Ashby, whose name is intimately associated with the home-New Zealand trade, writes:—"I had the pleasure last month of mentioning that we were despatching the new mission yacht Southern Cross for Auckland. She left Gravesend on the 6th, and shortly after leaving encountered very heavy gales of wind from the south-west, with torrents of rain, for several days, and when off Portland encountered the full force of a gale from the south-west which disabled several vessels, the Southern Cross being one of them. She put into Cowes, and is now (5th November) at Messrs. Day, Summers, and Co.'s yard at Southampton for repairs and alterations. All being well, she ought to leave that port for Auckland about the 10th November. No lives were lost, nor was any person injured, and if the ship had not been well handled by Captain Bongard, in my opinion you would never have been able to see her in the colonies."

CYCLONE AT THE MALDIVE ISLANDS.

By the Britannia's mail has arrived an account of a cyclone at the Maldive Islands. One report says:—"The late cyclone, which did so much damage to the Andaman Islands and the shipping in the vicinity, was also the means of destroying a number of Maldive boats. It appears that news has been received in Colombo of the total loss of two large schooners trading between the Maldive Islands and Calcutta, and of the stranding of another. All these boats were chartered by Colombo merchants, and loaded with their cargo. S. H. Abdul Ali and S. J. Noorbhai, of the Pettah, have both suffered severe losses, whilst the well-known firm of Carimjee, Jafferjee, and Co. have lost a schooner at the Andamans, making its way from the Maldives to Calcutta with cargo valued at 14,000r. Seven men were drowned, and two were picked up by a passing steamer.

THE JOHN WILLIAMS.

The London Missionary Society's barque John Williams passed Port Stephens at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, bound to Sydney.

THE NEWCASTLE AND HUNTER RIVER STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

By the amalgamation of the Hunter River New Steam Navigation Company, Limited, with the Newcastle Steamship Company, Limited, the new company will be enabled to provide a more satisfactory passenger and cargo service between Sydney and Newcastle, and an independent and more efficient cargo service between Sydney and Morpeth, and the agencies on the Hunter River. The directors have decided to run the steamers Newcastle and Namoi between Sydney and Newcastle only; and the Gwydir and Lubra, or Boomerang, will perform the cargo service between Sydney and Morpeth. These vessels will therefore have more time to attend to the requirements of Raymond Terrace, Miller's Forest, and the Hunter River generally. The steam droghers will be employed in collecting produce from the Paterson, Bolwarra, and other places, for transhipment into the cargo steamers at Morpeth. The separation of the Newcastle passenger and cargo service from the Hunter River cargo service will enable the new company to afford more accommodation to meet the special requirements of Newcastle and the river trade, and prevent miscarriage of consignments through mixed cargoes. Promptitude in despatch by rail from Newcastle or Morpeth, and economy in working will thereby be ensured; moreover, the passenger service will be constant and reliable owing to the risk of detention in the Hunter River being avoided by the passenger steamers. The passenger steamers Sydney and Maitland will be available as substitutes, instead of the Newcastle or Namoi, when occasion may require, or for employment in any other service; whilst the Boomerang will be available in place of either of the other two cargo steamers, or when the cargo service requires additional carrying capacity. The Newcastle and Hunter River Steamship Company, Limited, will commence operations under the new flag on the 1st January, 1892.

EXCURSION TO-MORROW BY THE CORINNA.

What promises to be a very enjoyable short sea trip is advertised by the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand at a moderate cost. If sufficient number of passengers offer themselves it is proposed to send the Corinna for a cruise along the coast to Twofold Bay, Eden, a distance of 220 miles. Passengers will have a full day at Eden to enjoy themselves exploring the country round about, as well as visit the extensive beaches around the harbour. It is intended to despatch the steamer from here at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

Brisbane.—Arrival: December 23, Lady Musgrave (s.), from Bundaberg. Departures: December 22, Kingswear (s.), for Rockhampton; Yaralla (s.), for Bundaberg. The Burwah arrived at Maryborough from Rockhampton. The Arawatta left Keppel Bay for Brisbane. The Ladstock, barque, arrived at Townsville from London. The Glanworth (s.) arrived at Townsville on the 22nd from Normanton.

Newcastle.—Arrivals: December 23, Gwydir (s.), Newcastle (s.), Karawerra (s.), Tamar (s.), Boomerang (s.), Coraki (s.), Ouraka (s.), Phoebe (s.), Minora, barque, from Sydney. Departures: December 22, Cochin, barque, for Mauritius, with 1782 tons coal; Elvira, ship, for Valparaiso, with 2116 tons coal; Norkoowa (s.), for Melbourne; Coraki (s.), for Macleay River; Wendouree (s.), Alice (s.), Gwydir (s.), Tamar (s.), Hauroto (s.), Phoebe (s.), Newcastle (s.), for Sydney.

Gabo Island.—Passed: December 23, Fiado (s.) at 5.45 a.m., Tagliaferro (s.) at 8.20 a.m., west; Elingamite (s.) at 12.15 p.m., south; Beeswing (s.) at 8 a.m., Barcoo (s.) at 1.40 p.m., R.M.S. Britannia at 1.47, Innamincka (s.) at 2.25 p.m., north.

Melbourne.—Arrivals: December 23, Margaret, barque, from San Francisco; Rotomahana (s.), from Launceston; Cintra (s.), Barrabool (s.), from Sydney. Departures: December 23, Loch Lomond, ship, for London; Duckenfield (s.), for Newcastle; Rotomahana (s.), for Launceston; Peregrine (s.), for Sydney; Patesna (s.), for Circular Head.

Adelaide.—Arrivals: December 23, Muke Maru (s.), from Kobe; Tenterden (s.), from Albany. Departures: December 23, Albany (s.), for Western Australia; R.M.S. Ballaarat, for London.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE).

Tweed Heads.—Arrival: December 23, Karuah (s.), at 12.30 p.m., from Sydney.

Byron Bay.—Departure: December 22, Karuah (s.), at 7 p.m., for Tweed River. December 23, Endeavour (s.) loading at the jetty.

Richmond Heads.—Departure: December 23, Tomki (s.), at 1.55 p.m., for Sydney. Passed: December 23, a large barque at 1.45 p.m., south.

Bellinger Heads.—Arrival: December 23, Rosedale (s.), at 10.30 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 23, Rosedale (s.), at 1.30 p.m., for Sydney.

Nambucca Heads.—Arrival: December 23, Rosedale (s.) at 2.40 p.m., from Bellinger River. Departures: December 23, Mabel White, schooner, and Lansdowne, ketch, at 1.20 p.m., for Sydney.

Smoky Cape.—Passed: December 23, Rodondo (s.), at 1.45 p.m., north.

Macleay Heads.—Departure: December 23, Burrawong (s.), at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

Port Macquarie.—Departures: December 22, Margaret Jane, schooner, at 4.20 p.m., for Sydney. December 23, Wellington (s.), at 10.15 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: December 23, Burrawong (s.), at 5.5 p.m., south; a large two-masted steamer with black funnel, at 3.30 p.m., south.

Camden Haven Heads.—Departure: December 23, Julia, schooner, at 1.20 p.m., for Sydney.

Manning Heads.—Departures: December 23, Maggie Golian, ketch, and Garfield, schooner, at 2 p.m., for Sydney.

Seal Rocks.—Passed: December 23, Merkworth (s.), at 11.20 a.m., City of Grafton (s.), at 12.40 p.m., both north.

Port Stephens.—December 23, Alice Templeton and Candidate, ketches, at anchor in Nelson's Bay. Passed: December 23, Macleay (s.), at 2.25 p.m.; John Williams, barque, at 4.30 p.m., Wellington (s.), at 7 p.m., all south; Coraki (s.), at 4.30 p.m., north.

Bellambi.—Arrival: December 23, Currajong (s.), at 5.45 a.m., from Sydney.

Port Kembla.—Arrival: December 23, Mount Kembla (s.), at 5 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 23, Augusta (s.), at 3.40 p.m., for Sydney.

Wollongong.—Arrivals: December 23, Kameruka (s.), from Sydney; Allowrie (s.), at 5.10 p.m., from Sydney. Departures: December 23, Kameruka (s.), for Kiama; Allowrie (s.), at 6 p.m., for Eden.

Kiama.—Arrivals: December 23, Kameruka (s.) and Civility (s.), at 8 a.m., Lark, schooner, at 6 a.m., all from Sydney.

Crookhaven Heads.—Arrivals: December 23, Coomonderry (s.) at 5.30 a.m., Kameruka (s.) at 11.30 a.m., both from Sydney. Departures: December 23, Brinawarr (s.) at 3 p.m., Coomonderry (s.) at 4 p.m., both for Sydney.

Jervis Bay.—Passed: December 23, Scout (s.) at 1.10 p.m., Peterborough (s.) at 7 p.m., both north. Samoa, schooner, lying in the bay windbound.

Ulladulla.—Arrival: December 23, Peterborough (s.) at 7 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 23, Peterborough (s.) at 6 p.m., for Sydney.

Moruya Heads.—Passed: December 23, Corinna (s.) at 9.25 a.m., north; Trident (s.) at 10.50 a.m., south.

Eden.—Arrival: December 23, Flora (s.) at 3.30 p.m., from Sydney. Departure: December 23, Flora (s.) at 4 p.m., for Hobart.

Green Cape.—Passed: December 23, Beeswing (s.) at 11 a.m., R.M.S. Britannia at 3.5 p.m., Barcoo (s.) at 3.15 p.m., Innamincka (s.) at 4 p.m., all north; Easby (s.) at 7 p.m., south.

Gabo Island.—Passed: December 23, Fiado (s.) at 5.45 a.m., Tagliaferro (s.) at 8.20 a.m., both west; Elingamite (s.) at 12.15 p.m., Flora (s.) at 7.20 p.m., both south.

Hobart.—Departure: December 23, Waihora (s.) at 1.27 p.m., for Melbourne.

Fremantle (W.A.).—Departure: December 22, Coorong, barque, for South Australia.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

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Adelaide, 4 p.m.
Hobart and Launceston, 4 p.m.
Queensland, 4.45 p.m.
Western Australia (Monday, via Adelaide), 4 p.m.
Thursday Island and Hongkong, 10 a.m.
Ulladulla and Clyde, 11 a.m.
Auckland and all New Zealand Ports, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Merimbula and Eden, 9 a.m.
Port Macquarie, 9 a.m.
Manning River, 9 a.m.
Macleay River, 9 a.m.
Richmond River, 9 a.m.
Clarence River, 9 a.m.

MONDAY.

Launceston and Hobart, via Eden, 11 a.m.
Auckland, and all N. Z. Ports, Navigators Islands, Honolulu, San Francisco, United States of America, Canada, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, U.S.S. Alameda, 2 p.m.
India and Continent of Europe (overland to Adelaide, and thence per Orient Company's steamer Orotava), 2.30 p.m.
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G. KISS.—At Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, &c.
G. WELLS.—At Corporation Yards, at 10 and 11, Poultry, Pigs, Calves, &c.
H. M'NAMARA.—At Hay-street, at 12, Beef, &c.
THOS. P. LISTER.—At 116 Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Organ, &c.
HARRIS AND ACKMAN.—At their Mart, at 11, Japanese Art Productions; at 12, Right to Gates and St. Leger Reserve, A.J. Club Meeting.
DAVIS, MARKS, AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Statuary, Busts, Vases, &c.
G. F. BAKER.—At Labour Bazaar, at 11, Furniture, China, Glass, Fancy Goods, &c.
W. CRANE.—At 20 Craigend-street, Darlinghurst, at 11, Furniture, Cutlery, Glassware, &c.; at 96 Pitt-street, at 2.30, Pedestal Desk, Chairs, Linoleum, &c.
H. DUFF AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Ferns, &c.
KELLETT AND CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Toys, Fancy Goods, &c.
DUNN AND WEBB.—At Abinga, Carrington-road, Waverley, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, &c.
GREEN AND LINE.—At 108 Pitt-street, at 11, Office Furniture, &c.
THE S. C. AND W. C. CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.—At their Rooms, at 11, Poultry, &c.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11 and 2, Unredeemed Pledges.

Special Advertisements.

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EVENING NEWS, DECEMBER 22, 1891.

T. M. ALCOCK.

"What a city to sack!" said Blucher, as he rode into London. "What a crib to crack!" was our reflection, after a brief inspection of Mr. Alcock's treasures. The effect of so much splendour is dazzling and bewildering, and we scarcely know how or where to commence our description. As this rich store of gold and gems was displayed before us we felt like Aladdin when he entered the cave, with the trifling difference that, by an omission on Mr. Alcock's part which we feel sure was unintentional, we were not invited to help ourselves.

The first impression is of diamonds everywhere—diamonds as plentiful as dust, diamonds flashing in crescents and stars; diamonds set in bracelets, bangles, and rings; unset diamonds, quenching their lustre in paper and cotton wool. We can readily believe that no finer display is to be seen in Australia. The rings, it may be mentioned, are made on the premises; the bangles imported. Then follows a display of repeaters and chronographs, compared with which an ordinary gold watch is but as pinchbeck; split second repeater, minute recorder, a double dial chronograph, a presentation watch by Nicole Neilsen. Surely they must be meant for princes and potentates; for some modern Solomon to bestow on a nineteenth century Queen of Sheba.

The chief business here is in diamonds, gems, jewellery, and Waltham and Elgin watches; but silver plate is not neglected, fresh supplies from England arriving continually. It would be quite impossible to enumerate one-half of the novelties submitted to our inspection, and we can only quote a few to serve as samples of the rest. We recall an ingenious combination of butter-dish, cruet, and toast-rack, all in one; a handsome liquor frame in oak, silver-mounted, with receptacles for cards and cigars; a pair of screwjack nutcrackers in maple, silver-mounted. Among presentation articles we must name a hunter's trophy, presented to the Agricultural Society by Mr. G. Adams. It is of ruby glass in the shape of a horn, resting on a winged horse with a mermaid's tail, and surmounted by a cupid with a laurel wreath of victory and lyre. We were also struck by a presentation inkstand in filigree repousse work, by Morton. Perhaps the most ingenious invention in the whole establishment is a lady's silver-mounted travelling bag in russian leather, into one side of which fits a dressing-case in telescopic frame. No other house in the colony can show the like. Concerning cups, clocks, field-glasses, and other delights we cannot now speak particularly. They must be seen to be appreciated—mere description would avail nothing.

Mr. T. M. Alcock's business has been established for 20 years, and is situated at 673 George-street, Haymarket.

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THE LARGEST ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALASIA.

THE ISSUE FOR THE PRESENT WEEK, DECEMBER 26,

contains amongst other illustrations the following:—

SEVEN SKETCHES ON THE MURRUMBIDGEE.

One of the Mail's artists recently spent a fortnight on the Murrumbidgee. Seven of his sketches appear in this number. They are thoroughly accurate in all their details, and may without hesitation be accepted as truthful pictures of Australian pastoral life.

SUGDEN'S WOOL-SCOURING WORKS, NARRANDERA.

Five sketches of these well-known works form an admirable full page. The drying grounds or bleaching green is a very pretty little picture. The principal parts of the works are portrayed. A new drier, which came from New Zealand recently, is completely novel in this colony. A well-written full description of the works accompanies the illustration.

PORTRAIT OF THE LATE HON. SIR WILLIAM MACLEAY.

The publication of the Mail's Christmas number delayed the production of this portrait. The friends of the worthy knight will recognise in it an admirable likeness. It is a copy of a photograph kindly supplied by Newman, of Oxford-street.

DIVING FOR COIN AT ADEN.

Passengers to India on board the commodious vessels of the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company usually find the voyage down the Red Sea, from Suez, either depressing by the sultry atmosphere or tedious for want of scenes and incidents to engage their attention when out of sight of the mountains of Midian and the headlands of the Arabian coast. Their arrival at the British port of Aden, though it is not an attractive place, affords some relief during the few hours required for coaling the steamer, as to many English travellers it is a novelty here to get their first sight of a few real specimens of Savage Africa in the half-naked figures of the "Somali boys," who throng around the vessel, eager for pecuniary largesse, and proud to exhibit their remarkable feats of swimming and diving.

THE CHICAGO EXHIBITION.

The Agricultural Hall, Electrical Building, Horticultural Pavilion, Building for Fishery Exhibits, and the Lagoon, all of which are intended to be specially attractive features of the great Exhibition, are illustrated in this week's Mail.

A DAUGHTER OF THE D'URBERVILLES.

This sad story is ended; the fate of poor Tess made known. The illustration which accompanies the last chapters is one of the best connected with Hardy's clever, interesting tale.

OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS.

A dinner or evening gown of the latest style will interest readers of the ladies' page. A new ore concentrator will assist miners in dealing with refractory ores; and the illustration of a planter will show to farmers, the latest development in agricultural machinery.

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December 1, 1891.

Dear Sir,—

We beg to inform you that our old shop, immediately below the Post Office in George-street, has been pulled down. This has necessitated the Removal of an ENORMOUS STOCK into our other Shop, 382 George-street, between the Post Office and King-street. We are now holding a MONSTER SALE, to dispose of a surplus of many thousands of pounds. A clearance must be effected without delay. No reasonable offer will be refused. You will be enabled to secure goods of the very highest quality at the lowest prices ever charged in the Southern Hemisphere.

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The proprietors of the ECHO have purchased the right of publishing in that paper a new serial story written by the famous novelist, Mr. H. Rider Haggard, and entitled "Nada the Lily." The story will be begun in the ECHO of January 2, 1892. It is a most interesting and sensational narrative, and its perusal should be enjoyed by the Australian public.

RIDER HAGGARD'S NEW STORY.

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DR. ALEXANDER M. JOHNSON (legally qualified medical practitioner) has removed from 78 to 88 Hunter-st.

DR. F. A. BENNET HAS REMOVED TO 25 College-st., Hyde Park.

DR. ALFRED KEENAN will be ABSENT from HOME till TUESDAY, JANUARY the 5th.

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WALLACH'S, LIMITED, THE LEADING Furniture Warehouse, York-street, Wynyard-square, Sydney, now supply the general public as well as the trade.

NEW STORIES for the SYDNEY MAIL.

The Proprietors of the SYDNEY MAIL have much pleasure in announcing that they have succeeded in obtaining the copyright of two new and brilliant Stories for publication in their journal, commencing the 2nd January.

The first is a striking and original Novel from the gifted pen of that most gifted writer,
FRANCES ELEANOR TROLLOPE,
and is entitled
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This Story will be BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED.

Mrs. Trollope writes with a charm unsurpassed by any contemporary novelist. Her stories are universally popular, and are admired by all classes of readers; and we are sure that this, her latest production, will be read with intense interest. No writer knows better how to find her way to the sympathies of her readers, and to interest them in scenes and narrative of great force and power.

The Second Story is entitled
"THE FEVER OF LIFE,"
and is from the pen of that now very popular author,
Mr. FERGUS HUME.

The story will be especially approved of by colonial readers, as it has an Australasian interest, the heroine being a descendant of a Maori chief by the marriage of the chief's daughter with an English gentleman. It is a powerfully written story, and is certain to command the attention of our readers.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

During the holiday time, the Sydney Morning Herald can be posted direct from this office to persons desirous of having it sent to them, to any part of this or the other Australian colonies or New Zealand, on payment at the rate of 1s per week.

A SUMMARY OF NEWS,
PER ORIENT MAIL STEAMER OROTAVA,

Will be published in "The Sydney Morning Herald" of Monday next.

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General, Political, Commercial, Mining, Shipping, Sporting, and Social News.
Births, Marriages, and Deaths from date of departure of last mail per Orient line.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1891.

The friction between the Chilian Cabinet and Mr. P. Egan, the United States Minister, is increasing. The American fleet appears to be slowly assembling at Valparaiso.

Eight soldiers of the Russian Imperial Guard have been sentenced to death at St. Petersburg for murdering citizens whom they had decoyed into the barracks.

The men of the Brazilian navy appear to be of a mutinous spirit, and they evince a strong feeling in favour of the re-establishment of monarchy. On the other hand, the army adheres to the cause of the President of the Republic.

The first annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Hawkesbury Agricultural College was performed yesterday by Lord Jersey, who was accompanied by Mr. T. M. Slattery, the Minister for the Department.

In his report the Principal stated that of the 50 students at the college, 43 used tobacco in some form, and some of them had used it to such an excess as to incapacitate them for study and hard work.

Mr. Jacob, the jeweller, of Simla, India, has been acquitted of the charge made against him by the Nizam of Hyderabad of having criminally misappropriated 23 lakhs of rupees in connection with the purchase of a diamond.

In our mining columns we publish an article by our own correspondent upon the Charters Towers Goldfield.

A terrible epidemic of malignant diphtheria has visited Southern Hungary. In several villages all the children were swept off by the disease.

A new play by Mr. C. Haddon Chambers, entitled "The Honourable Herbert," has been produced with great success at the London Vaudeville Theatre.

The import of gold for the past week was £105,800, and the export £16,374.

The Hon. G. C. Hawker, of South Australia, reports that at San Francisco the proposal to quarry down the Broken Hill mine to the 200ft. level is criticised most adversely.

The steamer Abyssinia, of the Guion line, has been burnt in the Atlantic, but all on board were saved.

A "Sheepskin Gown," appreciated by the junior and senior members of any family, is a New German Fleece, which [illegible] without any labour or turning; [illegible] Knight, St. James's-chambers, top of King-street, Sydney.—[Advt.]

The death of Lady Blyth, widow of the late Sir Arthur Blyth, Agent-General for South Australia, is announced.

The match between twelve of the English cricketers and sixteen of the Melbourne Cricket Club was continued yesterday. At present the scores are: Lord Sheffield's team, first innings, 175; Melbourne Cricket Club, first innings, 156; second innings, two wickets for 83.

In the Victorian Legislative Council yesterday the Land Act Amending Bill passed its second reading.

The final sittings of the Supreme Court for the present year terminated yesterday.

In the Legislative Council yesterday it was decided to make a call of the House for January 20, the date fixed for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the Electoral Reform Bill. The Council adjourned until the 13th January.

Yesterday Mr. Justice Stephen made absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to set aside the conviction of Alfred Bennett, who, on the 17th November, was fined £5, with costs, upon a charge of publishing an advertisement with reference to a consultation sweep.

During the recess the Victorian Government will consider the advisability of appointing a Department of Industry.

In another column appears an article describing the various local charities, which invite special assistance in connection with the seasonable festivities they desire to undertake.

Two Italian dukes have been tried at Naples on a charge of having treacherously murdered a young military officer who was the suitor of their sister. One was acquitted, and the other was found guilty, and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Mr. William Von der Heyde has been gazetted as Spanish Consul in Sydney.

Over 80 unionists have already assembled in the vicinity of Clermont, where shearing will shortly be commenced. It is expected that in a few days large numbers will arrive from the west.

Thirty-five labourers have lost their lives in a heavy snowstorm at Ambrusso, in Italy.

The Russian warship Djighit arrived at Auckland yesterday from Vladivostock.

Lord and Lady Onslow will leave New Zealand by the Mararoa on the 23rd February.

Considerable discussion took place in the Victorian Assembly last night over a clause in the Defences and Discipline Bill, exempting Imperial officers from trial in a Civil court. Ultimately the clause was struck out.

The Christchurch Tailors' Union has voted £26 in aid of the tailors on strike in Sydney.

The New South Wales cricketers, who are to play in the intercolonial match against Victoria on Saturday, arrived in Melbourne yesterday, and were cordially welcomed by representatives of the Victorian Cricketing Association.

The discovery of a deposit of quicksilver in the Jamieson district, Victoria, has been reported.

During the past two months the passenger traffic to New Zealand has increased. By the Mararoa yesterday for Wellington there were 360 passengers.

The Fazilka, one of the new steamers of the British-India line, is to leave Calcutta on Saturday for Sydney. She is a vessel of 4000 tons.

At a meeting of the democratic party yesterday, presided over by Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, it was agreed that the members of the party should maintain their private opinions on the fiscal question.

Yesterday the Full Court dismissed, with costs, the appeal of the Commercial Bank of Australia against a decision in Bankruptcy, reducing the bank's proof of debt in the estate of John Wilson from £6250 to £3250.

The Minister for Public Instruction has authorised the delivery of a course of 84 technical lectures on electrical engineering, between February and November of next year.

The Customs receipts yesterday amounted to £10,639. The 10 per cent. ad valorem duty realised £2916; and the 15 per cent., £1429.

Although the session of Parliament has not closed, the adjournment for the holidays gives an appropriate occasion for a glance at the political history of the year. In looking back, the most thorough optimist will fail to find cause for satisfaction, whilst those who are disposed to take a sombre view of things will see little ground for hope. We have before this had years of inaction and barren sessions, the time of Parliament wasted over party struggles and unprofitable discussion, and the country longing in vain for the legislation which its changing and progressive conditions required. But seldom, if ever, has a year passed with so little of substantial result from the action of the Legislature; seldom, if ever, has the inefficiency of Parliament been so strikingly exemplified; and never, probably, has there been such an exhibition of reckless and futile effort for the accomplishment of sweeping change. The Parliamentary year began indifferently, and closed badly; and whilst we are justified in directing the anxious and inquiring eyes of our English creditors and critics to the vastness and variety of the resources at our command, we cannot prudently invite them to a study of our Parliamentary records with the hope that their confidence will be strengthened thereby. We may ask them to take notice of the opportunities before us; but it would hardly be wise to suggest that in the records of our public affairs they will find assurance that we are not the kind of people to throw those opportunities away.

The last session of the last Parliament was opened in May, and under favourable conditions that session should not have closed prematurely, and without the completion of substantial work. It is true that parties in the House nearly balanced each other, but it is also true that there was plenty of non-contentious work waiting to be done in the public interest, work that might have been done notwithstanding the even balance of parties. We had seen how it was possible to deal under such conditions with a question so difficult as the amendment of the land law, when both parties recognised the urgency of the public demand. Why should not a Local Government Bill have been passed under those conditions? The secret of the collapse of the last Parliament, and the loss of its last session, may be found in the vacillation and apparent insincerity of the late Government. After defeating an amendment upon the Address by a majority of 32, and carrying the Address by a majority of 15, the Government by postponing the federal resolutions, and so changing its front, forfeited support and destroyed confidence. There was no cause for surprise in the even division of the House upon the motion of want of confidence which followed the announcement of the change of front. The Government had lost irretrievably its power of leading the House, and the prospects that seemed to be opening before it only a few days earlier passed away. There is no room for saying with assurance what would have happened if the late Government had not made this grave mistake; but it can hardly be doubted that its action in this matter was the turning point in its career, and practically gave its chances away.

The most significant event in the history of the year was the success of the labour movement at the general election. This movement had been foreseen by some, but no adequate preparation was made for it. The advocacy of class interests at general elections is not altogether a new thing. Men had been sent into the House before to fight for the cause of the free selectors or for that of the pastoral tenants; but never before have we witnessed so general a resolution amongst large bodies of electors to thrust aside the issues by which they had previously been divided, and to vote for men who professed indifference to persons, and parties, and to the ordinary causes of political strife, and a consuming zeal for what they regarded as the interests of labour. The appearance of the labour party in the new Parliament, with its loudly-expressed determination to vote as one man, and its unqualified confession of willingness to sell its support to either side indifferently for a sufficient price, made a radical change in the conditions of political life. Our politics since the opening of the new Parliament have been of the experimental and tentative kind. The great desire on both sides of the House has been to catch the labour vote. The late Ministry strained the policy of conciliation and submission to the breaking point, and there is no indication that the new Ministry will take a more independent course. Its tendency to subservience has been shown already. It is to be admitted that circumstances have altered somewhat since the division upon Mr. Reid's motion of censure split the labour party in two; but if the Government hopes to profit by breaking up the solid vote of the labour party, it has still the opportunity of angling for the labour members' separate votes, and there is reason to expect that in this matter no opportunity will be wasted that can be turned to account. But irrespectively of the question of party interest, the new Assembly has been characterised throughout by one peculiarity which has not been observed in an equal degree before. There is nothing new perhaps in the eloquent advocacy by members of Parliament of what are supposed to be popular principles, but since the new Parliament met in July the rule has been either to suppress opinions that might seem to savour of moderate Conservatism, or to allude to such unpleasant subjects with bated breath. It is difficult to suppose that every member of the Assembly has lost the courage of his opinions, or that all think alike; but certainly the Assembly has appeared during the last six months to be under a spell.

The most favourable opportunities for observing the peculiarities of the House have been presented on private members' nights. On these occasions the destructive propensities and the constructive ones alike have had free play; and it has been play indeed. The eagerness of inexperienced legislators to pull down, and build up according to their own ideas, the fabric of society, and the laws of civil life, has been as interesting to the observer as the ways of children with a box of bricks. If heretofore the general complaint has been that too much time is wasted in the Assembly by unduly protracted debate, it may now be recognised that more startling effects are to be produced by the off-hand disposal of questions of deep and permanent interest by a handful of members with apparently little or no cognisance of the character of the work in hand. Judging from the past, if the problem of the universe could be placed on the business paper of the House, a solution of it might be reached on some private members' day before the arrival of the usual hour for refreshment.

Considering all the circumstances, it is not a cause for surprise, or even for disappointment, that there has been so large a disproportion between what has been proposed and what has been accomplished. It must be acknowledged that the proceedings in Parliament have not been altogether barren of result. A few measures of a practical character have been passed. The probability is that they have almost escaped notice through their smallness in number and lack of the elements of attraction and sensation. But if it be wished that there had been more of this kind to receive the Royal assent, it is not a cause for regret that so many of the other kind are in a more doubtful position, and are likely before the actual close of the session to meet a different fate.

There seems to be trouble, or at any rate confusion, brewing in that corner of the Assembly in closest proximity to the keystone of democracy. Whether this comes of developing aspirations or of baffled expectations it would not be easy to determine; but, as Hamlet says of "miching mallecho," "it means mischief." At present the superactive mind of this part of the House seems rather in a state of seething fermentation, but it may clarify itself by-and-bye. It now cherishes the most exalted ideals of democracy, and eagerly embraces the opportunity of enforcing them by means of the gag. It talks of retrenchment, and meanwhile seeks to foster extravagance by increasing the revenue by the amount of a million a year. It refuses to regard the proposed tariff in any other light than as a means to protection, while giving its support to a Government which bases its demand for it on revenue arguments, and wants it to meet an imaginary deficit, and to provide the money to enable us to dispense with borrowing, and to pay the cost of our unremunerative public works, a class which seems to be dearer to the heart of the Ministry than all others. In addition, this section seems to be getting itself in a great muddle over the question of admitting raw materials free in the interest of the furtherance of protection.

Raw materials, yes, but what are raw materials? The slightest initiation into the fiscal controversy shows the learner that what is the raw material of one class is the finished product of the next. This was illustrated in a very embarrassing way in Victoria when the tariff was last under revision, and when the Government was constantly being pressed by conflicting demands advanced by representatives of different stages of the working up of the same material. Thus the woollen manufacturer would come with the declaration that unless the duty on woollen goods was increased he must close his factory, while on the other side the clothing manufacturer would affirm that if the duty were increased he would not go on with his business. The result is that the woollen manufacturer contrived to secure 30 per cent. protection for his products, a rate of protection under which he barely contrives to carry on his business, and the manufacturer of wearing apparel is mocked with a duty of only 35 per cent. This illustrates the inevitable tendency of protective duties to grow once the manufacturer has been taught to look to a law of monopoly to secure him his profits, and it also illustrates the difficulties which beset the Government or the Legislature which attempts to discriminate between raw materials and manufactured goods. Take, for example, raw hides in a country which does not produce enough for its own requirements. Is that raw material? Surely not to the farmer or the pastoralist, to whom it represents a product finished so far as he is concerned, and, therefore, requiring protection. If this is given him, then we have the tanner reasonably complaining that we are taxing and thereby increasing in price what to him stands as raw material. The next step is to tax leather in an amount sufficient to cover the tax imposed on hides, and then another equal amount to give a similar measure of protection to the tanner. Then the boot manufacturer has to be propitiated by the imposition on boots of a rate of duty sufficient to cover the double duty on leather and the duty given specially to the manufacturer. Lastly comes the unfortunate consumer, for whose interests nobody cares, and who has to pay all the taxes levied for the protection of all those successively engaged in providing him with a pair of boots. How difficult is the task of discriminating between raw material and worked-up product we see by the fact that the party of mystery includes in its free list such materials as angle and bar iron, steel and iron plates, which, if we had ironworks established, they would seek at once to manufacture. We see the same thing again in the demands made on Parliament by the cigar-makers, who request a reduction of the duty on foreign tobacco leaf, unmindful that this might destroy the encouragement at present given by the high rate of duty to our tobacco-growers to endeavour to produce a leaf equal to the imported one.

To further demonstrate how impossible it is under a protectionist policy to discriminate in favour of raw material, we need only refer to the duties proposed to be imposed on agricultural products. In so far as this amounts to a tax on bread it is a tax on the raw material of all industry, of all labour, and of human life. To tax bread is to tax the material and substance of every form of production. This is, indeed, so far recognised by the protectionists that they hasten to assure us that though this is so, yet the ultimate effect will be to give such a stimulus to production that the farmer will soon become an exporter, and prices will be lower than they are at present. But they do not tell the farmer this any more than they tell him that in a little while, estimated by a distinguished and ardent federationist at perhaps 18 months, the union of the colonies will take place, when all the agricultural duties will become a dead letter. What they tell the farmer is that these duties will shut out the products of the other colonies, and will make good to him all the amounts which will be taken from his earnings, all that Mr. F. B. Suttor calls the "reduced purchasing power of his money," by which he is taxed to swell the profits of the town manufacturer.

But we must carry the argument a little further. However we may differ in regard to being producers within the limited sense accorded to the word by the protectionists, there is one point on which we all agree. We are all purchasers and consumers. And, being consumers, our place in the economical and industrial hierarchy is such that the product and output of every art and every industry is raw material to us. Whatever it may be, it is part of the raw material of human civilised life. That life is fettered, abridged, impoverished by any encroachment on its means of support or enjoyment in whatever cause this may be effected. When the talk is of taxing luxuries or necessaries, furniture, clothing, or bread, what is really taxed is human effort and human life, and effort and life are so much the poorer and the less productive by the result. When it is thus traced to its last issue, we readily see, unless we are blinded by influences adverse to impartial judgment, that to this deduction and impoverishment caused to the gross outcome of all our work there can be no discrimination applied, and that no compensation can be given for a result which, however much it may benefit favoured individuals, can only cause loss and deprivation to the community at large.

The fate of the "one man one vote" principle has at last been sealed in Victoria by the total abandonment of the Electoral Bill. The Council's amendment in favour of the dual vote for the representation of "thrift" having been disagreed with in the Assembly, the Council declined to appoint managers for a conference between the Houses, and the bill has been shelved. And this is the ending of a question that some months ago excited no little attention as involving one of the most drastic principles in the policy of the Trades Hall, and subsequently threatened to bring about, if not a conflict between the Houses, an appeal to the country. Indeed, the stand taken by the Council on the matter was openly recognised as giving expression to the revolt of the country against the dictation of the Trades Hall, and it was the party opposing the "one man one vote" that was clamorous for an appeal to the constituents. The quietness with which the shelving of the bill has been accepted seems like an admission that the contention of those who said the country was with the Council was justified; and it is not improbable that in the circumstances all parties feel satisfaction in such a disturbing question being removed out of the way. We cannot be indifferent to the situation of this subject in the sister colony, seeing that it suddenly loomed up on our own political horizon simultaneously with the general raising of it throughout the colonies; and that legislation is still pending on it in our own Legislative Council. What may be its future in our own Legislature it is impossible at this time to predict, but it will hardly be surprising if the action taken by the Upper Chamber in Victoria may have the effect of strengthening the hands of those who are opposed to this principle in electoral reform. The Legislative Council in Victoria has the advantage of being a representative body equally with the Assembly, and claimed therefore to speak with the voice of the people; and the declaration having been openly made by the party principally concerned in the intended reform—that they meant the one man one vote system to help them in seizing political power and using it for promoting their class interests—the action of the Council is one of no ordinary significance and importance. The protests that were made that the Upper Chamber had no right to interfere in fixing the electoral basis of the Lower House appear to have been thrown away, the Council concluding that as Parliaments are not made for their members but for the country, the Council, as an integral part of the Constitution, had an indefeasible right, equally with the Assembly, to safeguard every part of the Constitutional machinery. The arrest of this one-time popular movement in Victoria is rather a notable political incident, and many people will scan with curiosity its possible effects on legislation elsewhere.

The Primate is deserving of warm commendation for the part he has taken in the transaction which was yesterday under the consideration of the Transit Commissioners. It is frequently a pleasanter thing to submit to a wrong than to stand up against it, and when anyone as a matter of principle, or for the sake of others, refuses to submit to extortion, he should at least be protected from insinuation as to his motives. In this case the Bishop had been in the habit of paying the legal fare of a shilling for the quarter-hour's cab-hire. That the time consumed was generally considerably under the quarter-hour is irrelevant, though it makes the case worse for the cabmen. A shilling is the fixed fare, and the shilling was paid. But because other persons were pleased to give two shillings for similar service, the cabmen appear to have thought themselves aggrieved by the Bishop, and proceeded to take satisfaction by a species of "boycott." For when they saw the Bishop approaching they cleared off from the cabstand. Now, no one can prevent other people from paying such excess of fare as they please, nor fairly blame the cabman for receiving it when it is offered. But it is a very different thing when, by act or manner, the cabman attempts to extort it. In that there is a wrong done, and one which, in the case of people of limited means, may be a considerable hardship. If the fare of a shilling the quarter is not adequate remuneration let the Transit Commissioners increase the scale. But the acceptance of a license to drive is an agreement to conform to the terms; and every attempt at evasion of the agreement should be visited with severity, and even with the suspension or removal of license if necessary. For this is not an isolated case, as it is a fact to visitors that a stranger arriving in Sydney is too often subjected to an attempt at extortion. This is not by any means true of all, for there are as good and worthy men, and as obliging, among our cabmen as are to be found among any class of citizens. But there is a number of them who are not, and those appear to be the men that come across the visitor, and he being a stranger they take him in. The Bishop of Sydney has had the unpleasant duty of exposing one form in which this extortionate spirit is shown.

The bill that was introduced into the Queensland Parliament to prevent waste of artesian water was lost in the Upper House on a technical objection. The principle of the bill was acknowledged; but there were objectionable clauses, and it will probably be remodelled. According to the report of the hydraulic engineer of that colony there is a daily waste of 12,000,000 gallons. A good deal of this arises from the use of open drains for conveying the water any considerable distance; as in the interior of Queensland the evaporation is at times excessive, and, moreover, the courses of the drains pass through porous soil, causing much soakage. On the other hand, those interested say that the cost of tubing is too high to render its use available; although this is a difficulty that commercial enterprise will soon overcome. As, according to the report, the water from most of the bores is highly charged with minerals destructive to plant life, its conveyance through open runlets cannot serve any direct purpose in the way of irrigation. Not the least interesting part of Mr. Henderson's report is a communication from America which he quotes. In South Dakota several wells, averaging 2500 to 3000 gallons per minute, with a pressure of from 100lb. to 200lb. per square inch, are utilised for the purpose of driving flour mills; and as we possess bores of similar capacity there is no reason why this motive power should not be utilised here. Mr. Henderson gives it as his idea that it could not be surpassed for electric lighting purposes. The question of "the prevention of waste" being legalised, has brought forward so many hardly-understood issues that most people seem to think that perhaps it is better that, for the present, it has been postponed; although it will have to be a question of early legislation, especially as it is Mr. Henderson's opinion that the supply can be affected, one case of a diminution of flow having come under his experience.

The Legislative Council held a sitting yesterday at which it was decided that the resumption of the adjourned debate on the motion for the second reading of the Electoral Reform Bill should be an order for the 20th January next, and that there should be a call of the House for that day. Mr. Trickett brought in a bill relating to the election of President and it was read the first time. The bill provides that henceforth, upon the happening of any vacancy in the office of President, the members of the Council shall, upon the first assembling of the Council after such vacancy, proceed forthwith to elect one of their number to be a president. And, according to the bill, the president shall henceforth act without remuneration. The Sunk Nets Bill, the Partnership Bill, and the Land Company of Australasia Railway Bill were read the third time. The Minister for Justice gave notice of his intention on the 13th January to move for leave to bring in a bill "to declare certain marriages valid, and to amend the law relating to marriages." The announcement was received with cheers. The Council stands adjourned, to meet on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1892.

Mr. Copeland, the Minister for Lands, will leave Sydney by to-night's express for Melbourne, en route to Bairnsdale, on the Gippsland Lakes. The Minister intends to spend several days at Lake Eyre, where he will take a rest and attend to several matters of private business. Mr. Copeland is expected to resume duties at his office about the 3rd of January.

Pending the erection of the Electrical Engineering Laboratory, Mr. F. B. Suttor, Minister for Public Instruction, has approved of a course of 84 technical lectures on electrical engineering being delivered between February and November of next year. The first term will be from February to May, in the course of which 28 lectures are to be given on the fundamental principles of electricity and magnetism as employed in electrical engineering, the methods and instruments used for the commercial measurement of electrical currents, electrical testing, and the industrial applications of electricity. The second term will extend from May to August, when a further 28 lectures will be on the principles, construction, and management of direct current dynamos, systems of direct current distribution, direct current lighting accumulators, direct current motors and their application, and classes of engines and boilers suitable for driving an electrical plant. The third term, from August to November, will include 28 lectures on the principles, construction, and management of alternating current dynamos, systems of distribution by transformers, alternating current lighting, high tension mains, alternating current motors and the transmission of power, dynamo, engine, and boiler testing, and the efficiency and relative economy of electrical plant. The fees charged will be the ordinary terms. The lectures are to be of a simple and practical nature, and suited to the requirements of persons in charge of electrical plant, or those who desire to study the modern industrial applications of electricity. A good stock of new apparatus has been provided, and a laboratory class in connection with these will be commenced as early as possible.

In the Land Act of 1884 it was provided that every five years there should be a re-appraisement of the value of lands held by pastoral lessees. The first quinquennium expired during July and August of 1890. In the corresponding months of 1885 the divisions of many runs were begun, and as a consequence the re-appraisements for a week or so past have been freely received by the Minister for Lands. Most of Mr. Copeland's time has been occupied in thoroughly examining the papers, and speaking generally he says there has been a considerable increase of value placed upon the lands under re-appraisement, which of course will bring in an increased revenue. In all cases where Mr. Copeland is not satisfied with the increase or reduction of rents proposed, the papers are sent back to the local land boards for reconsideration and report. If the tenants are, after this revision, dissatisfied with the amount of rent fixed for the next five years they have the right of appeal to the Land Court.

TO-MORROW and Saturday being public holidays, the following arrangements will be observed in the mail branch of the General Post Office:—The various offices of that branch will be open from 8.30 till 10 a.m. only; no delivery will be effected by the letter carriers on Christmas Day, and the morning delivery only on Saturday, the 26th instant. The country mails usually despatched in the afternoon and evening, also the coastwise, intercolonial, and foreign mails will close at 9 a.m. The iron pillar receivers and receivers at suburban post offices will only be cleared at the first usual hour on those days.

A MEETING of the committee of the Democratic Party took place at Parliament House yesterday morning, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald was in the chair. The business transacted was purely preliminary. It was suggested that the party limit itself to practical measures within the compass of this Parliament; and it was also specially urged that the Government should at once nominate labour and democratic representatives to the Upper House in order to ensure fair treatment for progressive legislation. A selection will be made of the most pressing planks of the labour electoral platform to be urged upon the immediate attention of the Government and the House. On the fiscal question, it was agreed that the members of the party should maintain their private opinions. It was decided to adjourn the meeting until the 11th January, 1892, when the committee will meet and definitely lay a platform before the whole party.

A NUMBER of residents of Canley Vale, accompanied by Messrs. Nobbs, Dale, and Garrard, M.L.A., waited as a deputation upon the Postmaster-General yesterday with a request that he would do something in the direction of lessening the present serious inconvenience caused by the absence of a telegraph office at Canley Vale. Mr. Kidd, in reply, said that the amount of telegraphic business done at Canley Vale was not sufficient to warrant the establishment of an official telegraph office there; but he recognised the present inconvenience, and would see if some arrangement could be made with the Railway Department to allow of the residents of Canley Vale having the use of the railway telegraph station at that place.

A MEETING of the Tender Board was held yesterday, when the following were the lowest offers opened for public works:—Additions to courthouse, Milton (five tenders), M. Riley, £2147; masonry culverts over Montgomery's Gully, near Sunny Corner (seven), Jno. Garrett, £275 11s; erection of a lockup at Kogarah (nine), Maclelland and Wilson, £1700; erection of timber-beam bridge over Tallowidjah Creek, near Grafton (one), C. and J. Avery, £199 10s; erection of court and watch house, Macksville (three), Jacob Healey, £2249 10s; erection of timber-beam bridge over Boundary Creek, between Inverell and Wallangarra (two), C. Baxtied, £543 15s; erection of timber-beam bridge over Attimgack Creek, near Tamworth (four), M. Cantwell, £871 10s; erection of a timber-truss bridge over creek between Kempsey and Armidale (four), C. and J. Lawson, £2180; additions to Dubbo gaol (four), W. Davidson, £709 10s; construction of coaling station punt for Macleay Heads (seven), C. H. Lawson, £483; erection of timber beam bridge at Shannon Vale (one), Nathan Cohen, £395; supply of steel for 1892 (four), Goodwin Bros., 2½; erection of timber beam bridge at Bullock Island (eight), John Johnstone, £3907; erection of similar bridge over Cook's River, Croydon Park (11), Thomas Maher, £679; erection similar bridge over Belat Creek, on Coonabarabran-road (four), Joseph Jones, £639 5s 5d; construction of a dam and floodgates at a creek on Macleay River (two), one received late, C. H. Lawson, £475 15s; supply of copper and lead pipes, Hunter River district, during 1892 (one), Mort's Dock and Engineering Company, 17 per cent. above schedule rates; supply of wrought scrapiron forging during 1892 (one), Brown and Brown, 23 per cent. above schedule rates; conveyance of coal from Wollongong to Cook's River during the year 1892 (one), Warburton and Sons, 5s per ton; supply of coal at Wollongong during 1892 (two), Thomas Saywell, large 8s per ton, small 5s per ton; conveyance of coal from Wollongong to Shoalhaven during 1892 (two), Warburton and Sons, large 12s per ton. For the erection of a post and telegraph office at Newtown, there were 14 tenders, the lowest being that of W. Snowden and J. Matthews, £4726. There were also seven tenders for the forming and wood-paving Queen-street, Circular Quay, the lowest of which was that of John Mitchell, whose price is £2700.

THE first annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Hawkesbury Agricultural College was performed yesterday by his Excellency Lord Jersey, who was accompanied by Mr. T. M. Slattery, Minister for Mines and Agriculture. The distribution took place at the School of Arts, Richmond. The prizes were numerous, and consisted for the most part of scientific works and gold and silver medals. The gold medal presented by the principal of the college for the highest aggregate number of marks in all subjects was gained by Mr. Shute, who thus becomes *dux*. The grounds belonging to the college were inspected by Lord Jersey and the officials of the Department of Agriculture, and expressions of approval of the progress made by the students were frequent.

SITTING in Chambers yesterday Mr. Justice Stephen made absolute a rule nisi for a prohibition to set aside the conviction of Alfred Bennett, who, on the 17th November last, was fined £5 with costs upon a charge of publishing an advertisement with reference to a consultation sweep. The grounds upon which the conviction was upset were that it was not shown that the advertisement contained, or promised to give, information with respect to some contingency on a horse race, and that certain evidence was inadmissible.

THE final sittings of the Supreme Court for the present year terminated yesterday, and an adjournment has taken place until about the middle of February. Although three courts have been kept going for several weeks the work has been pretty heavy, and it is, therefore, satisfactory to know that, considering everything, the business is fairly well in hand. The only matter of interest yesterday was the action Mayne v. M'Mahon Brothers, in the No. 2 Court, where posthumous honour was done to the kangaroo who, under the professional name of "Fighting Jack," used to afford amusement to the patrons of the Evangeline Company at the Criterion recently. The plaintiff, Mrs. Olivia Sabina Mayne, who stated that she purchased the kangaroo out of her separate earnings as a maker of fancy goods, and trained it, sued the defendants, who are theatrical managers, to recover about £142, being the balance of account claimed by her for the hire of the marsupial boxer at the rate of £25 per week. The defence was that the contract was rescinded with the consent of the plaintiff, and a fresh one substituted, under which, in consideration of the erratic conduct of "Jack" in occasionally refusing to play his part, the amount of his salary was considerably reduced. It came out in evidence that the animal, after giving a matinée and evening performance at Maitland at the end of October, gave the Wallsend people a specimen of his pugilistic powers on the following day, and died very shortly afterwards. During the hearing of the case, Mr. Justice Innes warned counsel that he positively would not sit after 4 o'clock; but the professional history of "Jack" not being nearly completed by that time, his Honor informed the jury that the hearing would be resumed on the 7th March, and in the meantime he cordially wished them "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

YESTERDAY the Full Court, consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Stephen, and Mr. Justice Owen, delivered its reserved judgment in the appeal of the Commercial Bank of Australia against a decision in Bankruptcy reducing the bank's proof of debt in the estate of John Wilson. The appellants sought to prove for the sum of £6350, but the Registrar in Bankruptcy held that they had only a right to prove for the sum of £3250. This decision was sustained by Mr. Justice Manning, and the bank then appealed to the Full Court, who by majority, the Chief Justice dissenting, yesterday dismissed the appeal with costs.

THE Union S. S. Company announce a special trip to Twofold Bay and back by the Corinna. The steamer will leave here at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning for Eden, and is timed to return on Sunday night. It is an experiment trip, and one that should prove popular.

A CABLEGRAM has been received from the Agent-General by Sir William Windeyer (chairman of the council of the Women's College within the University of Sydney) informing him that Miss Louisa MacDonald, M.A., of London University, has been unanimously chosen by the English committee out of 65 applicants for the post of Lady Principal of the Women's College. Miss MacDonald graduated at the London University from University College. At the intermediate examination in 1883 she was placed first in the second-class, with honours in classics. In 1884 she obtained the degree of B.A., and was third in the first-class, with honours in classics.

THE closing of the Superior Public school, Richmond, for the Christmas vacation took place on Friday last. Mr. Ridge, the Mayor, presided, and most of the members of the School Board were present. Certificates were presented by the Mayor to the candidates who were successful at the recent University examination, and special prizes were awarded to pupils in each of the classes. Mr. Guest, on behalf of the School Board, commended both teachers and pupils on the high standard of the school and the position it took in the University examination. Musical selections were rendered by the senior scholars, accompanied by Miss Kingsford, and the infants, conducted by Miss Holmes, sang some appropriate pieces. The senior boys presented Mr. Collins, head master, with a handsome silver inkstand and a complimentary address on his successful efforts in their behalf.

THE weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners was held yesterday morning at the offices, Phillip-street. There were present the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman W. P. Manning), Alderman J. D. Young, Messrs. J. Eve, M.L.A., and E. Fosbery and the Registrar (Mr. Alfred Edwards). A petition from the cabmen of the Victoria-street rank, asking that the stand for a second cab at the junction of Darlinghurst-road and Victoria-street be abolished, was approved; as was also a petition from the Wynyard-square rank cabmen, asking that the stand at Wynyard and George streets be worked from their rank. The cab supply of the Union Club was furthered considered, and it was decided to revert to the old mode of working from the Loftus-street rank. Letters were read from the boroughs of Glebe and Camperdown protesting against the action of the board in altering the line of road of the Forest Lodge omnibuses without waiting for their opinions upon the matter. A reply was forwarded, stating that the action had been taken only on trial, and would be reconsidered as soon as the opinions of the councils were received. The amount at credit of current account was £936 10s 3d. It was stated that the Primate in answer to certain allegations made by the cabmen at the Macleay-street stand, told the Registrar to the Commissioners that it was false that he had, as had been asserted, taken cabs "to some remote part of the city and tendered 1s as the fare." In support of this the Bishop cited certain cases. It was his custom to drive to the Cathedral, the journey occupying about seven or eight minutes, and he had paid the legal fare, 1s. He had also driven to the Association Ground and to the foot of King-street, and in all cases, when the time occupied was under 15 minutes, he paid 1s; and, he added, he did not intend to pay more than the legal fare, as he considered it very unfair to poorer travellers to do so, as it got the cabmen into the bad habit of expecting more than their legal fare, and they complained if they did not get it. On being questioned by the authority of the registrar, the cabmen said that the Bishop never gave more than 1s, whilst the people living about Macleay-street nearly always gave 2s, and never less than 1s 6d, for a drive into town, although the time taken was invariably under a quarter of an hour.

To the Metropolitan Liedertafel belongs the credit of being the first to introduce music by Mascagni, the new Italian composer of whom everyone is speaking just now, to an Australian audience. At the society's concert, in the New Masonic Hall, last night, an intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" was performed by the orchestra under Signor Hazon's inspiring direction, and was encored with enthusiasm by an audience quick to appreciate its high merit. The scene which in actual performance would be disclosed upon the stage during this intermezzo is the piazza of a Sicilian village upon Easter Day. From a church near at hand an organ sounds the note of devotional thanksgiving, and mingling with this rises the orchestral subject, full of suppressed feeling and reserved emotion, in which is mirrored the contending passions which finally bring the chief personages of the drama to their tragic end. The music proved deeply impressive last night. The broad melodious theme for the violins was wonderfully expressive, both in its spirit-stirring beauty and in the dramatic nature of the development, which suggests the highest forms of the pure Italian school; and where the full, harmonious *ensemble* of the organ and orchestra was sustained by the harp with its sweeping arpeggios, the whole effect, whilst intensely dramatic and passion-laden, had yet reserve remaining to invest it with breadth and dignity. The same gift of melody—melody that has meaning—is disclosed in this intermezzo, and it is easy to understand the *furore* which an opera written by the same hand must have created. Last night's rendering was admirable, testifying once more the rare talent by which Signor Hazon brings all that is good in those he leads to the surface. By its conductor's enterprise the Metropolitan Liedertafel have thus been enabled to crown its now closed season with one of the most interesting musical productions of the year. The Liedertafel opened its programme with Gounod's cantique, "Le Nom de Marie"—made familiar here by Mr. Santley—effectively arranged by Signor Hazon for soprano solo, chorus, and orchestra. "Our Lady of the Sea," to give the piece its English title, proved very attractive when thus rendered, and Mrs. F. J. Riley, who was heard to especial advantage in the cantabile portion of each verse, sang with much, and necessary, vigour in conjunction with the somewhat too "robustious" chorus. The "Messa of Mercadante," which had been performed by the Liedertafel on March 20, 1890, hardly improved on further acquaintance. Mercadante is rather dry where, as in the "Kyrie," he keeps to the ecclesiastical style; whilst, on the other hand, from the "Credo" upwards, where he gives full rein to his great gift of melody, the effect—in English ears at least—is simply operatic. The trio, "Et Unam Sanctam," well rendered by Messrs. Barrett, Riley, and Clancy, was, for example, a delicious piece of music, full of grace and lightly tuneful melody, but—it was not devotional. The chorus sang with fine effect in the "Et Crucifixus," though the rendering as a whole lacked delicacy. The "Scene of the Reception," from "La Forza del Destino," was again performed, and proved the gem of the evening. The Liedertafel sang *con amore*, both with precision and spirit. Mr. Clancy as the Superior and Mrs. Riley as Leonora were heard to advantage; Miss Agnes Chambers once more enriched the *ensemble* by her skilful reading of the organ part; and, in one word, the favourable impression of last August was repeated. Mr. D. Clancy, who was in fine voice, sang once more Stritzbo's piquant "Servian Serenade," with humming accompaniment (encored); Miss Millie Davis won applause with a pianoforte piece of the "Sydney Smith School," entitled "Reverie au Bord de la Mer," by Willmers; and other pieces were included in the pleasant Christmas programme.

HER Majesty's Theatre will re-open this evening for the production of the "Babes in the Wood," which is to form this year's Christmas pantomime. The cast, with an outline of the scope of the story and spectacular effects, having been already given, it only remains to add that arduous rehearsal has placed all in a state of readiness for to-night's performance.

THE final performance of "The Pirates of Penzance" will be given at the Criterion Theatre to-night, with the ample scenic effects and careful attention to detail by which the Juvenile Opera Company has so far won its way into favour. "La Mascotte" will be produced on Saturday.

THE largest number of artists that the Bondi Aquarium has yet engaged has been retained to make Boxing Day one to be remembered. A glance at the programme foretells a varied entertainment. Among the artists may be mentioned the celebrated Japanese Troupe, Professor H. J. Wallace, champion skater of America; Sylvo, the Egyptian Juggler, the Fakir of Oolu; Mr. W. Bunker, Mr. F. Durant, Mr. J. Killian, Mr. F. Pierce, Mr. J. Drew, Mr. J. Spencer, Mr. G. Hokin, Mr. W. Maish, Mr. W. Sprod, Mr. G. Hokin, Mr. H. Sinclair, Mr. D. W. Howard, Mr. D. Connelley, Mr. W. Connelley, Mr. Geo. Brailey, Mr. Charles Thompson, Mr. Chris. Symes, Mr. Joe Brailey, Mr. Robert G. Faust, Mr. Harry Fairfield, Mr. C. Sylvester, Mr. S. Rowley, Mr. Tom Sadler, Mr. Charles Fanning, Miss Ettie Diamond, Miss Ruby Warren, Miss Florrie Rose, Miss Florrie Wallace, Mdlle. de la Roche, Miss Amy Davis. The Aquarium and grounds are being tastefully decorated, and will be open to the public until 10 p.m. A fine stock of fish is now on view in the newly-erected tanks.

THE management of the Coogee Aquarium has announced an attractive programme for Boxing Day. There is to be a balloon ascent and a parachute descent, and an unusual array of entertaining talent.

A NOVEL interest attached to the recital given by the city organist yesterday afternoon, since it was known that Mr. Wiegand would improvise upon short themes placed in his hands immediately before the concert began. This was done. The organist chose first a graceful melody of considerable length, upon which he made some dainty variations; but the moment of triumph for the artist, and of pleasant surprise for the audience, came with the second theme, of but a few bars in length, and those not especially attractive. Upon this theme Mr. Wiegand built up a complete organ piece, now piquante and pretty, now richly sonorous and impressive, showing not only a rare talent for improvisation, but an intimate knowledge of the vast instrumental resources at command. Mr. Wiegand was enthusiastically applauded for this display. The organist's own "Song Without Words" (No. 1 in D flat) had been encored earlier in the afternoon. The song, a tender melody, was given out by the *vox humana* stop, and upon this background sparkling phrases for flutes were delicately embroidered—a very pleasant contribution. The programme opened with a Grand March in F from Guilmant's Symphonic Cantata "Ariane," op. 53, a spirited piece of music, in which the combination of stops, chiefly brass, was very fine; and another new piece was presented in Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus," which disclosed a theme of great beauty. The next organ recital will be upon Boxing Night.

MR. J. F. SHERIDAN'S "Vienna Summer Garden Entertainment" will be opened at the Darlinghurst Rink on Boxing Night, when a full orchestra of 60 performers under Mr. J. A. Robertson's bâton, spectacular march effects by a well-drilled body of Amazons, and songs both sentimental and serio-comic, with ballet and step-dancing, will form the chief attractions of the entertainment.

A CONCERT was given in the Bourke-street Wesleyan Church last night by the choir and a number of ladies and gentlemen. Mr. Horace Chambers sang "Tears." "Sabbath Bells" was rendered by Mrs. Baker. Miss Slade, who presided at the organ, contributed an organ solo. The anthem "Seek ye the Lord" was given by the choir, and Mr. P. French. The carols set down for the choir were "The Wonderful Name," "Hosanna to the Son of David," "Song of the Angels," and "Angels' Chorus." In addition to others who contributed to the evening's entertainment were Mrs. A. Freeland, Mr. W. T. Colyer, Mr. W. T. Hotton, Mr. W. T. Brown, Mr. R. B. Hartley, Miss Greaves, and Mr. A. M'Coy. The proceeds are to be devoted to the trust funds of the church.

THE annual tea in connection with the Ladies' Evangelistic Association was held on the 18th December, at the Temperance Hall. There was a large attendance of invited guests with their families, all known to the Bible woman (Mrs. Rainey) or some member of the association. Mrs. Pottie, the honorary secretary, presided, and in the name of the committee bade all a hearty welcome, Mesdames R. S. Paterson, B. Palmer, R. Burgis, Charlton, T. Sinclair, Stark, and Lance, also Misses Davy, Paterson, Kinross, Fletcher, Garden, Wethered, Hassall, and others, waited on the guests during the evening, temporarily relieving them of their babies, and doing all they could to make the visitors happy. After partaking of a sumptuous tea, Miss Pottie recited "Murdered by Drink," and the Rev. T. Kench, of Stanmore, gave an interesting address. Gifts (including a good Christmas cake, ¼lb. best tea, and 3lb. of sugar) were then presented to each family; also toys for the children, garments for needy children, Band of Hope Reviews, and 40 nicely-bound, suitably-inscribed, gilt-edged Bibles. By the kindness of Mr. Cox, some invalids were present in Bath chairs. Rev. R. S. Paterson brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close by pronouncing the Benediction.

A MEETING of the ladies' committee of the Boys' Brigade was held at the Town Hall on Friday, the 18th instant. Present: Mrs. C. J. Ellis (who, in the absence of the Mayoress, took the chair), Mesdames Rosenthal, Vicars, M. Harris, Carpenter, Reynolds, Wood, Robjohn, Reading, Love, Weaver, Sheridan, Wyatt, Goldring, Hellmrich, and the hon. secretary, Mrs. David Kirkcaldie. The hon. secretary, Mrs. Rosenthal, reported donations received to the amount of £2 11s. The nightly attendance averaged about 75. Beds supplied to destitute lads, 97; meals to several. Clothing was also distributed. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wyatt for his handsome decoration of the Brigade Hall on the occasion of the "Welcome" given to Mr. J. R. Fairfax. A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. Lovely for his gift of pictures. Several new members were elected on the committees, viz.: Mrs. John See, Mrs. A. Meeks, Mrs. Hellmrich, and Mrs. Joseph Coates.

THE twelfth annual meeting of St. David's Lodge, No. 55, P. A. F. S. of A., was held in the lodgeroom, Congregational School Hall, Devonshire and Riley streets, Surry Hills, on Tuesday evening. Brother H. Appleton presided, supported by Brother G. Colwell. The election of officers for the year 1892 resulted as follows:—Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Tosh; Deputy Master, Bro. A. Wood; secretary, Bro. R. J. Yeldon; assistant-secretary, Bro. A. Yeldon; treasurer, Bro. H. Appleton, P.M.; chaplain, Bro. J. T. Watson; senior elder, Bro. J. Peel; junior elder, Bro. R. Bowmaker; inside guard, Bro. J. Stark; permanent sick visitor, Bro. G. Colwell, P.M.; auditors, Bro. W. Renshaw, Bro. A. Shortland; representative to Grand Annual Session of 1892, Bro. H. Appleton, P.M.

THE Christmas Fair held in the Protestant Hall in aid of the Unitarian Church was brought to a close last night, after having extended over three days. Yesterday there were again large attendances and brisk business transactions. In the afternoon there was a pretty May Pole dance, and in the evening an entertainment was given. Miss Underwood sang "What shall I say?" and Mr. Mardardy gave a violin solo fantasia, "Bohemian Girl." Miss Tuckett was much appreciated in her song, "Little Maid of Arcadee." The entertainment concluded with four scenes from "Poor Jo." The funds of the church will be considerably enhanced by the proceeds of the fair.

AT All Saints', Petersham, yesterday afternoon, the Rev. C. Baber, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Jackson and the Rev. J. Simm, solemnised the marriage of Mr. Richard Windeyer, eldest son of Sir William Windeyer, with Miss Mabel Fuller Robinson. The bride was given away by Mr. H. C. Russell, C.M.G. The church was prettily decorated with Christmas bush, flannel flowers, and Christmas bells. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the Rev. C. Baber's house, where refreshments were partaken, and the young couple congratulated by their numerous friends.

WRITING of yesterday's heat, a correspondent says:—Wednesday was a fearfully-hot day in Parramatta, a hot north-wester blowing all day. At about 2 o'clock the thermometer, under a colonnade in Church-street, registered 105°.

A CORRESPONDENT, signing himself "Chatswood," writes:—"I beg most earnestly to know why, in the name of all that is fair and reasonable, the guardians of the North Sydney water-mains should turn off the supply every morning, and religiously keep it off till late at night. All through the recent hot and trying weather my neighbours, as well as myself, had to submit to a great amount of inconvenience on this account. Seeing that we have at Chatswood two splendid reservoirs both full, and everything has been ready for some time past to turn on the taps, we are beginning to wonder which Government official is winding the red tape in this instance."

THE City Coroner opened an inquest yesterday at the Balmain Cottage Hospital upon the body of a man named William Donaldson, 33 years of age, who had been found in an unconscious state on Sunday morning, lying on a vacant piece of land at Balmain. He had died in the hospital on Monday morning. Dr. Carruthers stated that deceased had died from hemorrhage on the brain, consequent upon fracture of the skull. In order to allow the police to make further investigations, the inquest was adjourned for a week.

YESTERDAY afternoon a cottage in Botany-road, Botany, occupied by Mr. Frederick John Neild, was burned out. The fire was discovered at 3 o'clock, but the alarm was not given to the Metropolitan Fire Brigade till an hour later. By the time the firemen had arrived the flames had been extinguished by the neighbours and inmates. The outbreak is supposed to have been caused by a spark from the chimney of the next house falling on the shingle roof.

IN several of the Anglican churches of the diocese of Sydney collections are to be made to-morrow on behalf of the clergy widows' and orphans' fund.

AN advertisement announces that the School of Arts' lending library will be closed from this evening until Tuesday morning next.

THE WALLSEND MINE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

NEWCASTLE, WEDNESDAY.

It is expected that work at the Wallsend mine will be resumed shortly. The miners' delegate board held a meeting to-day, when the dispute over the working of the seam was considered, and the delegates recommended that the miners should draw a new cavil and resume work immediately.

CABLEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DEATH OF MONSEIGNEUR FREPPEL.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

Monseigneur Charles Emile Freppel, Bishop of Angers and deputy for Brest, France, is dead.

THE HON. G. C. HAWKER IN AMERICA.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The Hon. G. C. Hawker, of Adelaide, reports that at San Francisco the proposal to quarry down the Broken Hill mine to the 200ft. level is criticised most adversely.

Mr. Hawker will visit Fresno to inquire into the fruitgrowing industry, and San Bernardino to inspect the irrigation works. He will also call at Pueblo and Canon City to acquaint himself with the Bartlett process.

THE LONDON GAIETY COMPANY.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

"Cinder Ellen" will be produced at the Gaiety Theatre on Thursday. Miss Nellie Farren is still suffering from rheumatic fever, and will be unable to appear.

A NEW PLAY BY MR. C. HADDON CHAMBERS.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

"The Honourable Herbert," Mr. C. Haddon Chambers' new play, has been produced with great success at the London Vaudeville Theatre.

GENERAL BOOTH'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The Salvation Army annual review refers to the "wonderful outburst of enthusiasm and romance attending General Booth's marvellous campaign in Australia."

MALIGNANT DIPHTHERIA IN SOUTHERN HUNGARY.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Southern Hungary has been visited by a terrible epidemic of malignant diphtheria. In several villages all the children died from the disease.

MURDER IN ITALY.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Two Italian dukes have been tried at Naples on a charge of having treacherously murdered at Vilarosa a young military officer, the suitor of their sister. One duke was acquitted, and the other was found guilty and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

THE LATE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

The funeral of the late Duke of Devonshire will take place on Saturday. The remains will be interred at Edensor.

SPANISH CONSUL IN SYDNEY.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Mr. William von der Heyde has been gazetted as Spanish Consul in Sydney.

ACCIDENT TO THE HON. CECIL RHODES.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

The Hon. Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony, has been thrown from his horse in Capetown. He sustained a fracture of the collarbone.

MURDERS BY SOLDIERS IN ST. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Eight soldiers of the Russian Imperial Guard have been condemned to death at St. Petersburg for the murder of citizens, whom they decoyed into the barracks.

SNOWSTORMS IN ITALY.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Severe weather prevails in Italy. Thirty-five labourers have lost their lives in a heavy snowstorm at Abruzzo.

THE MELBOURNE DRAINAGE SCHEME.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

Mr. James Mansergh, the engineer who devised the scheme for the drainage of Melbourne and suburbs, has expressed his views on the modifications of the scheme proposed by Mr. W. Thwaites, the engineer to the Metropolitan Board of Works, Melbourne. Mr. Mansergh thinks it immaterial whether brick or Portland cement is used for the sewers, and considers that if sufficient land can be obtained for one sewage farm, as proposed by Mr. Thwaites, that will do as well as the two he (Mr. Mansergh) proposed. With regard to Mr. Thwaites's proposal that the sewers should be of a smaller size than that originally proposed, and should be two-thirds full, Mr. Mansergh says that this would not suffice for the wants of Melbourne for as long a period as his own scheme, according to which the sewers were to be larger and only half full.

THE IMPERIAL DIAMOND CASE IN INDIA.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

The Imperial diamond case in India, in which Mr. Jacob, a Simla jeweller, was committed for trial, on a charge preferred against him by the Nizam of Hyderabad of having criminally misappropriated 23 lakhs of rupees in connection with the purchase of the diamond by the Nizam, is closed. Mr. Jacob was acquitted.

PUGILISM.—SULLIVAN AND SLAVIN.

LONDON, DEC. 23.

J. L. Sullivan and F. P. Slavin will sign articles on Tuesday for a fight for a purse of 40,000dol., which amount has been offered on condition that the encounter takes place at New Orleans.

BURNING OF AN ATLANTIC LINER.

[BY CABLE.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The steamer Abyssinian, of the Guion line, has been burned in the Atlantic. All on board were saved.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER
OF THE
SYDNEY MAIL
NOW READY.

Christmas Stories by the most popular authors of the day, beautifully illustrated, with many other charming pictures characteristic of the season.

Also, Magnificent Coloured Presentation Picture. Single copies throughout Australia, 6d; United Kingdom, 10d; remit to Head Office, Pitt and Hunter streets; Branch Office, King-street; and all news agents.—[ADVT.]

CHILI AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE AMERICAN FLEET ASSEMBLING AT VALPARAISO.

[BY CABLE.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 22.

The friction between the Chilian Cabinet and Mr. P. Egan, United States Ministar, is increasing. At attempt made to arrest Mr. Egan's son was unsuccessful.

DEC. 23.

The American fleet appears to be slowly assembling at Valparaiso.

AFFAIRS IN BRAZIL.

[BY CABLE.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 23.

There is a strong feeling in the Brazilian navy in favour of the re-establishment of Monarchy in Brazil.

There are indications of a mutinous spirit among the men of the navy. The army, on the other hand, adheres to the cause of General Floriano Peixotou, the President of the Republic, who succeeded the Dictator, Marshal da Fonseca.

DEATH OF LADY BLYTH.

[BY CABLE.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 22.

Lady Blyth, widow of the late Sir Arthur Blyth, Agent-General for South Australia, has died at Eastbourne.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

The Treasurer has received a cablegram from the Acting Agent-General confirming the news of the death of Lady Blyth. She was a daughter of the late Mr. Edward Forrest, of Birmingham, and was married in England to the late Sir Arthur Blyth in 1850. The deceased lady leaves one son, Mr. Neville Blyth, and two daughters—Mrs. W. B. Sells, of Glenelg, and Miss Blyth, resident in England.

INTERCOLONIAL NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

The New South Wales cricket team, to play in the intercolonial match against Victoria on Saturday, arrived by to-day's Sydney express. They were cordially welcomed by the representatives of the V.C.A.

Owing to J. E. Barrett, H. Trott, and A. Bowman not being able to play in the intercolonial match against Sydney, J. Carlton and A. Tarrant have been included in the Victorian team. The emergencies are S. M'Michael and G. Beecham.

About the middle of October a body was found in the Murray River near Swan Hill, supposed to be that of Power, the once notorious bushranger. Since then the clothing on the body has been positively identified as that worn by Power a short while before the finding of the body, and all the circumstances leave no doubt as to its identity.

The discovery of a deposit of quicksilver in the Jamieson district has been reported to the Mining Department, to which a sample has been sent.

A meeting of depositors of the South Melbourne Building Society was held to-night, Mr. J. Stee (president) in the chair. The committee appointed at the previous meeting to investigate the affairs of the society brought up a report to the effect that there would be nothing left for the shareholders when the affairs were settled, and there might be about 16s in the £ for depositors. A resolution was passed in favour of winding up.

At the inquest on the body of Thomas Robertson, proprietor of the Campaspe Estate, who was found drowned, an open verdict was returned.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY.

Over 80 unionists have already assembled in the vicinity of Clermont, where shearing will shortly commence, and large numbers are expected from the West in a few days.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

The annual children's Christmas cheer entertainment was held to-day, and was an unqualified success. Over two thousand children were present.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, WEDNESDAY.

The Russian warship Djighit arrived to-day from Vladivostock.

Lord and Lady Onslow will leave the colony by the Mararoa on the 23rd February. They will be accompanied by Ladies Jersey and Galloway, who visit the Sounds with his Excellency next month.

The Christchurch Tailors' Union has voted £20 to the tailors on strike at Sydney.

Mr. Walrond, Private Secretary to the Governor, has received an appointment in the English education department.

LORD SHEFFIELD'S TEAM IN MELBOURNE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

The match between Lord Sheffield's twelve and sixteen of the M.C.C. was continued to-day. The weather was much cooler than yesterday. The following are the scores:—

LORD SHEFFIELD'S TEAM.—First Innings.

R. Abel, c Fitzgerald, b Phillips	13
W. G. Grace, c Trumble, b M'Leod	9
J. Briggs, b Trumble	26
H. Philipson, c Bruce, b Trumble	34
A. E. Stoddart, c Ross, b Trumble	1
G. Bean, b Wilson	57
J. M. Read, c Lampriere, b Trumble	3
R. Peel, not out	21
G. A. Lohmann, c Carr, b Wilson	0
Attewell, c Bruce, b Wilson	3
J. M'Gregor, b M'Leod	0
J. W. Sharpe, b M'Leod	0
Sundries	8
Total	175

Bowling Analysis.—Bruce, 102 balls, 19 runs, 11 maidens, 1 wide; M'Leod, 158 balls, 20 runs, 13 maidens, 3 wickets; Phillips, 102 balls, 50 runs, 3 maidens, 1 wicket; Trumble, 126 balls, 54 runs, 4 maidens, 4 wickets; Wilson, 24 balls, 15 runs, 1 wide, 3 wickets.

M. C. C. SIXTEEN.—First innings, 156.

Second Innings.

W. Bruce, not out	[illegible]
J. D. Edwards, b Grace	5
J. Carr, b Grace	6
J. Phillips, not out	21
Byes	4

Two wickets for [illegible].

THE ALBURY PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION BOARD.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

A meeting of the Albury Pastures and Stock Protection Board was held to-day. A letter was received from Mr. W. Kiddle resigning his position as chairman, as he is leaving for Europe. The resignation was accepted with regret, and Mr. A. Macvean was elected chairman for the ensuing year. The meeting then proceeded to discuss the resolutions carried by the Sydney board in favour of legislation authorising the board to levy a special rate on cattle and sheep in order to subsidise the export meat trade, with a view to providing an outlet for the surplus stock. After a lengthy debate the meeting decided to endorse the proposals of the Sydney board. Mr. George Mackay, secretary to the board, submitted the draft of a circular which he had prepared, inviting the co-operation of other boards in the effort to obtain such amendment of the law as would empower the stock boards to deal in various ways with the question of suppressing the rabbit nuisance. The circular was unanimously adopted, and Mr. Mackay received a vote of thanks for the skill and care he had devoted to its preparation. The inspector's report was read, showing that the total numbers of noxious animals destroyed in the district to date were 19,767 kangaroos, 81,123 hares, 26,573 kangaroo rats, 20 dogs, 15 puppies.

At a meeting of the Albury board of sheep directors this evening, Mr. Macvean, of Howlong, was elected chairman for next year. Mr. A. Mitchell was appointed a member of the board.

AUSTRALASIAN PARLIAMENTS

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

In the Legislative Council to-day, the Land Act Amending Bill was read the second time after some discussion on the clause providing for the introduction of the betterment system, some members objecting that there was not sufficient time to properly consider it at such a late stage of the session. Many of the clauses were agreed to in committee. Mr. Service directed attention to the murder of Sawers, a British subject, in the New Hebrides, and asked if the Government had any information on the subject. Sir F. T. Sargood said Mr. Munro had promised to communicate with the High Commissioner of the Pacific, and ascertain the particulars. The Lands Act Amending Bill passed was through all its stages. The Railway Management Bill was again received from the Assembly. Most of the amendments rejected by the Assembly were not insisted on.

In the Legislative Assembly Mr. Munro, in reply to questions, said he would consider the question of the appointment of a Department of Industry during the recess. He also said that trust funds to the extent of over £200,000 had been used for railway purposes since the 30th June, 1891. The amendments of the Council in the Railway Management Bill were considered at length. The amendment removing maintenance as well as construction from the control of the Commissioners was disagreed with. Mr. Shiels moved that the amendment extending the terms of the office of Chairman of Commissioners from five to seven years should be disagreed with. Mr. Gillies pointed out that by the shortening term it would be more difficult to get a successor to Mr. Speight if such were necessary, as no man would leave a good position to accept office for such a short period. Mr. Munro condemned the management of the Commissioners, and held that Mr. Speight had charged Mr. Shiels with falsehood. He contended that the Council had exceeded its function in extending Mr. Speight's term, as such involved a question of money. The amendment was ultimately disagreed with, and also amended, making the term of a future appointment seven years instead of four. The amendment of the Council in the Railway Management Bill requiring the consent of both Houses before the Railway Commissioners could be dismissed, was negatived by 46 to 17 votes. Considerable discussion took place over the clause empowering the Minister to have direct communication with all officers in the service, but it was eventually agreed to by 34 to 25 votes. The Defences and Discipline Bill was recommitted. The clause exempting Imperial officers from trial in a Civil Court provoked considerable discussion. Ultimately the clause was struck out.

The bill was passed through its final stages. The amendments in the Land Act Amending Bill were agreed to. The Railway Loan Act, providing for £400,000 to finish the lines in course of construction, was further considered in committee.

A discussion arose on Mr. Shiels' proposal in connection with the Railway Management Bill that the House insist on the Minister being allowed to put himself in direct communication with his officers. The House adjourned at 11.40 p.m. to allow of a conference being held with the Council on the bill.

COUNTRY NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

BALRANALD, WEDNESDAY.

The weather is exceedingly warm, registering 110° in the shade.

Several parcels of clothing arrived during the week from Victoria. The consignees complain loudly of the duty payable thereon. People are beginning to feel the baneful effects of the protective policy.

BERRIGAN, WEDNESDAY.

Yesterday, at 2 p.m., a fire started on the Government reserve, about half a mile from the town. The wind was blowing freshly from the S.W., which rapidly carried the fire on to Momalong, sweeping through the cemetery and on to Messrs. Greggery and J. P. M'Donald's farms. By this time the residents of the town and farmers adjacent had turned out in goodly numbers, and, after strenuous efforts, succeeded in turning it in a northerly direction, thus saving the crops and sheep of the abovementioned farmers, Mr. Greggery losing about 1000 acres of grass. At one time the Public school was in great danger, being surrounded by the flames, and was only saved by the presence of mind and energy of Senior-constable Stawell, of Jerilderie, assisted by several of the townspeople. The fire continued in a northerly direction, and crossed the Berrigan Creek and firebrakes. The estimated extent is 8000 acres. At 3 p.m. there were 200 volunteers on the ground; but, owing to the impetuous force and great heat of the fire, it was utterly impossible to stem the raging flames. The residents of the town are to be complimented for their prompt arrival and valuable assistance. Great excitement was caused when it became known that Mr. Gorman, auctioneer, had 3000 sheep surrounded by the fire; but fortunately got them out, a little singed.

BERRY, WEDNESDAY.

This was the hottest day of the season.

BRAIDWOOD, WEDNESDAY.

The silver cup presented for eight best shootings out of twelve in connection with the local rifle corps was won by J. M. Moroney. The gold medal for the best score off the rifle, eight shootings out of twelve, was won by R. J. C. Maddrell. These competitions occupied 12 months.

The weather greatly favours harvesting operations, which are now in full swing, the yield being up to expectations.

The influenza epidemic, which visited here in a mild form, has completely disappeared, and was only fatal in a couple of cases.

CAMDEN, WEDNESDAY.

Dr. Cullen, M.L.A., is on a short visit here, and was interviewed this afternoon by several residents on local requirements.

To-day was the warmest weather experienced for some time.

The annual meeting of the Camden Reserve Rifle Company was held last night, when the position of the company was stated to be flourishing. The members have increased during the year. Twenty-five marksmen, 16 first-class shots, 5 second-class, and no third-class is the result of the musketry course for the year. Captain W. R. Cowper was unanimously re-elected captain, Private T. H. Burne secretary, and Private A. E. Devlin treasurer. The retiring committeemen were also re-elected.

COBAR, WEDNESDAY.

A fire occurred this morning on the Bourke road, near the railway line, in a hut occupied by James Davey, known as Jimmy the Rabbiter. Davey got up at 2 a.m. to send away his horses and buggy, which he had lent, and after doing so sat down by the side of the bed to smoke, leaving a candle on the floor without a candlestick. He fell asleep, and woke up about 4 a.m., the place being in flames. He had a considerable amount of money under his bed, and in endeavouring to save this he was seriously burnt about the hands, face, and legs. The hut and its contents were totally destroyed.

The heat since Sunday has been intense, registering to-day 112° in the shade.

COWRA, WEDNESDAY.

The municipal council at its meeting last night agreed to accept from the Government the sum of £532, to be applied towards the removal of the terraced roadway running throughout nearly the whole length of Kendall-street, which also forms part of the main Government road from Blayney to Grenfell, the council on their part entering into a bond in the sum of £14,000 to keep that part of the road within the municipal boundaries in good and substantial repair. The council are now engaged in carrying on extensive alterations in and about the town, and with the money derived from the Government they hope to be able to materially improve the principal street of the town.

Prior to the breaking up of the Superior Public school for the Christmas holidays, the pupil teachers and pupils presented the head master, Mr. Snodgrass, with an address testifying to the esteem and regard in which he is held by them and the townspeople generally. Since Mr. Snodgrass's advent here he has succeeded in raising the status of the school to that in which it now stands, and has also passed several candidates for the Junior University examination.

Wool continues to arrive at the local railway station in large quantities from the Lower Lachlan and back country homesteads, the station at times presenting quite a busy and animated appearance.

The weather is very hot here just now, the thermometer registering about 100 degrees in the shade. Rain is much needed in some parts of the district, and serious thoughts of a drought are entertained.

FORBES, WEDNESDAY.

The last few days have been the warmest experienced in Forbes this summer. A fire started on the show-ground paddock to-day, and burnt a considerable quantity of grass and about a quarter of a mile of fencing.

GRENFELL, WEDNESDAY.

Last evening a representative gathering was held at the Royal Hotel for the purpose of presenting an address and testimonial to Mr. W. F. Robertson, C.P.S. and land agent, who has been promoted to Maitland. Mr. Crommelin occupied the chair and presented the address, and expressed appreciation of Mr. Robertson's worth in his official capacity and as a private citizen. Mr. B. Hello, on behalf of the bench of magistrates, bore testimony to the assistance rendered by Mr. Robertson, and expressed regret at his leaving.

GRETA, WEDNESDAY.

The Rev. J. H. Terras, minister of the Presbyterian Church, being about to leave Greta to take charge of the Wingham Presbyterian Church, the members of the church entertained him at a tea and public meeting last night. The tea was held in the School of Arts, and was well attended, and the public meeting took place in the church. Mr. J. Thompson was in the chair, and on the platform were the Revs. Lamont (East Maitland) and Terras (Presbyterian), W. Tollis (Church of England), J. Green (Primitive Methodist), and Dr. Walker. Speeches highly eulogistic of Mr. and Mrs. Terras's good works in Greta were given by all the speakers. A silver watch to Mr. Terras and a gold brooch to Mrs. Terras, subscribed by the members of the congregation and fellow-townsmen, were presented by Mr. J. Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Terras left by the early train this morning for the Manning, via Sydney. The successor to Mr. Terras is not yet appointed.

GUNDAGAI, WEDNESDAY.

This was the hottest day of the season; in fact it was about one of the worst days we have had for many years. The thermometer reached 106° in the shade. There are, however, indications of a change to-night.

LISMORE, WEDNESDAY.

The G Troop of Cavalry has published a very long programme of sports for the tournament to be held on the Lismore racecourse on the 26th January.

Business so far is not at all brisk for the time of the year, but a good many strangers are in town, being men recently paid off from the sugar mills.

MUDGEE, WEDNESDAY.

Seven hundred and eighty-eight bales of wool were sent from Mudgee this week.

The Mudgee train to-day ran over a cow at Ilford. The animal was cut to pieces. No other damage was done.

The local stock board favours the export of mutton to relieve the flocks, but is adverse to a general levy, and considers that those affected should pay the levy.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, of London, gave an organ recital here last night.

The weather is intensely hot—96° in the shade.

MURRUMBURRAH, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. Surveyor Hosie has just completed the alignment of 13 streets of the borough. Application has been made by the council for the alignment of two additional streets in Harden Ward.

The weather continues dry and hot. The new wheat is beginning to come in, and the grain is bright and full. The average yield will be rather light, although there are a number of magnificent crops in the district. Haymaking is now in full swing, and the weather is most favourable for the work.

MURWILLUMBAH, WEDNESDAY.

Dr. Sullivan, an old resident of the Tweed, was found dead in bed at Tumbulgum this morning. He was last seen alive yesterday morning. He was found lying in bed in a perfectly natural position. It is supposed he took an overdose of morphia.

The C.S.R. Company's Condong mill hands were paid off this morning. The season has been a good one for the company.

The Customs officer for the Tweed Heads last night collected duty on maize which was brought from Queensland on Saturday.

NARRANDERA, WEDNESDAY.

The Riverina Meat Freezing Company's Works are nearing completion. The machinery has been working during the week, and a large supply of ice is now being made for local consumption. Hay, Junee, Whitton, and Wagga are also being supplied.

Slaughtering operations will be permanently started about the end of January.

The weather here to-day was the hottest experienced this season. The heat was very oppressive. A strong hot wind was blowing, accompanied by clouds of dust. The thermometer registered 108° in the shade.

NEWCASTLE, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. James Curley, late freetrade member for Newcastle, who has been suffering from illness, was presented last night with a purse of sovereigns from the permanent members of the freetrade party, including R. Hall (Newcastle), Alderman Cass (Adamstown), R. Langer, W. T. Lloyd. Mr. Curley, in acknowledging the present, said he looked upon the tariff as an absurdity, as he believed that the revenue of the country should for the most part be received from the land and not from the pockets of the people.

A largely attended variety entertainment was held at the Victoria Theatre last night in order to raise funds to enable the 4th Regiment Band to proceed to Wollongong to take part in the competition for the Australasian championship. The band has always been ready to assist in charitable purposes, and it was thought it is only fair to assist them in their expenses to maintain the honour of the Northern district. The proceedings were a great success. A torchlight procession extended the whole length of Hunter-street, composed of representatives of eight fire brigades, 4th Regiment Volunteer Infantry, and Senior Cadets, with the various friendly societies.

PARKES, WEDNESDAY.

To-day has been very hot. Bush fires in the neighbourhood are increasing the heat.

PENRITH, WEDNESDAY.

An old man, of the sundowner class, was found in a dying state on the roadside near the Riverside Hotel at half-past 5 this afternoon. The police were at once informed. The old man breathed his last before he was carried inside. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

The weather to-day was the hottest this year, the thermometer registering 102°.

Great preparations are being made for Christmas. There is a large demand for accommodation.

QUIRINDI, WEDNESDAY.

Billy Soldier, an aboriginal arrested on suspicion of being one of the Dora Dora murderers, was brought before the Court this morning and discharged.

The weather is warm and like a storm.

WAGGA, WEDNESDAY.

The weather is very oppressive again here. To-day the thermometer at the telegraph office registered as high as 109° in the shade this afternoon. The heat was great for several hours. A hot wind blew from the north-west, caused probably by large bush fires. The river is 3ft. 11in. above summer level. The glass in private houses recorded as high as 111° in the shade.

WILCANNIA, WEDNESDAY.

Yesterday and to-day were the hottest days this season. The thermometer registered 111° in the shade. Heavy dust storms are raging.

The steamer Jolly Miller left for Morgan yesterday laden with the following cargo:—186 bales Marra wool, 72 Cultowa, 136 Purnanga, 80 Morden, 51 Tarella, 24 bales kangarooskins, and 90 bags ore from the Nuntherungie silverfields. The Maggie left down stream yesterday. The Rothberry and the Resolute arrived from Echuca yesterday. The Emma and the Murrumbidgee left Pooncarie down stream yesterday. The Rob Roy left Wentworth for Morgan yesterday.

Regarding the river prospects, the water is falling at Mungundi, but still rising at Dangar Bridge. With the water at Walgett we may expect to see the river 10 to 12 ft. over the present level here, which will, however, be of brief duration. There is little doubt that the end of January will see it gone, and the summer level again approached. It will, however, wash out the channels, and prolong navigation perhaps into February.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

ALBURY, WEDNESDAY.

The following are the stock movements:—170 fat and store cattle, 10,300 fat and store sheep, from other districts to Albury market, various owners; 1239 crossbred weaners, from Victoria to Albury, T. H. Parker owner; 326 store bullocks, from Kirnden to Victoria, Alex. M'Bean, jun., owner.

BALRANALD, WEDNESDAY.

Stock movements: 2000 ewes, Yanga for Langleydale, David L. Chrystal, owner in charge; 5000 sheep, Mulurula for Victoria, Gibbs, Bright and Co. owners, James Fraser in charge.

COONAMBLE, WEDNESDAY.

Stock movements: 870 wethers, from selection near Billeroy to selection at Woringerong Creek, James Wood owner, Green in charge; 7000 mixed sheep, from selection, Terembone Creek, to Coonamble for sale, Williams in charge; 2433 fat wethers and ewes, from Dumble station to Homebush, via Rylstone, Wright, Heaton, and Bacon owners, Wood in charge; 100 mixed fat cattle, from selection near Coonamble for Dubbo, Duffy Bros. owners, Morris in charge.

WILCANNIA, WEDNESDAY.

Stock movements: 13,922 mixed sheep from Marra station entered the common on Monday, travelling from North-west Bend (S. A.) to Hay, Graves and Paxton owners, F. Angus in charge; 12,000 sheep from Marra are on the common, same owners and destination; 15,000 ewes have left Taryawynaa station for Sydney markets, J. Welsh in charge; 9500 ewes are leaving Murtee station for Ruthven station, Queensland, William Armstrong owner, F. M'Kenzie in charge. Other lots are approaching by way of the Mount Browne-road for the southern markets. Wanaaring reports 6000 ewes from Connulpie Downs passed, travelling to Bourke, C. Fartiere and Co. owners, A. Tuck in charge.

SPEECH DAYS.

MAYBANKE COLLEGE.

The annual breaking-up ceremony was held at Maybanke College, Dulwich Hill, on Tuesday last. Mrs. Wolstenholme, the principal, in a brief speech alluded to the success of the past year. Eight pupils had been sent up for the University examination and all had passed, one securing a medal. Reference was made to the excellent work of the painting class under Mrs. Weiss, evidenced by the number and quality of the pictures displayed; and to the singing and nursing classes, ably conducted by Miss Mason and Mrs. Thomas. Some glees, solos, and duets were prettily rendered by the pupils, and a handsome tea service was presented to Mrs. Wolstenholme from the scholars and teachers.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Curnow. In the course of a short speech she congratulated Mrs. Wolstenholme, the teachers, and the pupils on the very successful year which had just closed. She encouraged those who had not won prizes to persevere in work, as industry was sure to bring its reward. She hoped their prizes would bring happy memories of school days. In old days both schools and teachers were disliked and dreaded, but now there were few who had not sense enough to perceive that those who guided them through their school course were amongst their truest friends. Those who were present for the last time were about to be launched into a new world, and it greatly depended upon the use they had made of school days whether they played their part successfully. She advised them not to throw away school-books, thinking they no longer needed them, as every year they would feel more and more the need of all the help books could give. She congratulated them upon having such conscientious and efficient teachers, and upon their connection with a school which had won so honourable a position amongst the teaching establishments of the metropolis.

After several presentations to teachers from the scholars, the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Curnow for presiding, proposed by the Rev. W. Saunders, of Dulwich Hill. In the evening further festivities were indulged in.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

THE CHARITIES OF THE SEASON.

Christmas time is, above all other periods of the year, devoted to festivities. Peace and goodwill reign supreme. The shops testify that it is a time for the making and receiving of presents. "Christmas gifts" are a recognised institution. Young and old, rich and poor, cling to the time-honoured custom. And who shall say whether the greatest happiness consists in the giving or the receiving of presents? Within the family circle there will, during the holiday season, be general rejoicing. But there are many, alas! in all great cities to whom the sentence "The compliments of the season" is but an empty phrase. Sydney is no exception to the rule. The rich can be merry, and so can the poor. But there is a class to which neither term specially applies. We mean the poorest of the poor—it may be the outcasts. There are no workhouses in Australia for the housing and feeding of those unable, from various causes, to earn their own livelihood; but nevertheless we have the destitute always amongst us. This year, owing to the continued depression, an unusually large number of persons are in needy circumstances, many of them, it may be, through no fault of their own. Various charitable institutions existing in our midst, subsidised in some cases by the Government, but supported mainly by voluntary contributions, do useful work in the way of dispensing relief. One of the most worthy objects, perhaps, is the endeavour to help friendless children. It is sad to have to confess it, but infants are deserted and cast adrift on the streets of Sydney from the day of their birth upwards. Where, it may be asked, do they go, and what becomes of them? The State, to a certain degree, takes care of them; and the good work is supplemented by one or two organisations supported by private citizens. The Benevolent Society of New South Wales is one of the largest and oldest of our philanthropic institutions. It was founded in the year 1819 for the purpose of relieving poor, aged, and distressed persons in the colony. The buildings, situate near the Redfern railway station, are too well known to need description. A great deal of assistance is given in the form of provisions, and small sums of money are found to assist in the payment of rent. But especially is the place an asylum for homeless and deserted children and foundlings. As a receiving hospital for sickly mothers with infants who cannot be received in the Infirmary or other hospitals, the institution is most valuable. There is also a lying-in hospital, and the house acts as a training ground for midwives and nurses. About 500 cases of distress are attended to each week, and 100 women and 150 children are usually in the asylum. Youngsters are received here before being sent to the State Children's Relief Department. The principle of the boarding-out system is based on a consideration of the manner in which society is constituted. Society is made up of families. So the boys and girls are boarded out. They become children in a family, and form a part of the varied life around them. The system cannot wholly replace fathers and mothers who have died, or who have been compelled by circumstances to neglect their natural obligations; but it is claimed that it has done much to sever the connection of the children with pauperism. How large is the number dealt with is shown by the records of the department. Up to the middle of the present year 3910 had been removed from public institutions and boarded out in the colony. Of this number 1541 had been discharged to their parents or in other ways; and the number under the care of the board at that date was 2369. About 140 children are now adopted. The number of adoptions might has been largely increased; but the board have to be careful not to place out in this way children who are likely subsequently to be reclaimed by their guardians. The central home is at Paddington but the number of children usually there is not large. The Asylum for Destitute Children at Randwick is an institution well worthy of support. Since the establishment of the relief department the Government subsidy has been withdrawn. It is a large building, accommodating 130 or 140 children, and is under excellent management. For children who are deaf, dumb, and blind there is an institution in Newtown-road. An industrial blind institution is established in Boomerang-street, and there is a home for blind women—a large new building having just been erected—at Strathfield. An infants' home is located at Ashfield. Here mothers are received with their offspring for a period of 12 months; and in exceptional cases the child is received without the mother. The number usually provided for is between 30 and 40. But there is a special society the object of which is to provide homes for neglected children. The institution is known as "Our Children's Home," and is situated at Liverpool. The home was the gift of Mr. T. K. Oliver, and includes three acres of land. There are 26 inmates, 12 being boys between the ages of four years and eight years, and 14 girls between four years and fourteen years of age. The boys' farm home is at Camden, and is the gift of Mr. W. H. Paling. There are 16 boys, which is the full accommodation. Children are received from mothers who have been deserted by their husbands or who may have been left widows, and they are looked after until they are able to provide for themselves. "Uncontrollable" boys are received, but not criminals. In some instances the parents pay for their support. As a matter of fact, four have just left to spend their Christmas holidays at home. Others have been apprenticed, and testimony has been received from their employers that they are behaving well and learning to become useful members of society. For city boys—who go to work—the Boys' Brigade, in Sussex-street, provides both instruction and amusement. The place is to a large extent managed by the boys themselves, but is overlooked by a committee, who have the interest of the lads at heart. There they are enabled to spend many hours in useful occupations, which otherwise would be wasted in patrolling the streets. The average nightly attendance is 80. The place is increasing in popularity amongst the youths of the city, and efforts are being made to extend its usefulness. Ragged schools in Harrington-street, in Brisbane-street, at the Glebe, and at Waterloo have some 300 children attending them. With education in the colony so cheap as it is—being almost free—it is a sad thing that "ragged schools" should be needed at all; but still they do much good, and through their agency a considerable quantity of clothes is distributed to poor children.

After the children, the women call for care and attention. They are provided for in a variety of ways. There are institutions, homes, refuges, and asylums, both for the good and for the bad. The work done by the Benevolent Asylum has already been alluded to. It was observed that large numbers of friendless women, arriving in Sydney from the country districts with the view of obtaining situations, were imposed upon. Often under the pretence of being taken to a "good place" they were introduced into questionable houses and suspicious company. With the view of remedying this evil a "Jubilee Home and Registry Office" has been formed. Young women are met upon their arrival by train or steamer, are pressed to remain at the home whilst out of a situation, and are looked after by a committee of ladies. The Working Girls' Club in Kent-street is a well-managed institution, which is doing good work in the way of providing both lodging and rational amusement for young women who earn their livelihood at factories and shops. At the corner of Albion and Crown streets is the Church Home, which receives about 30 inmates. One object is to deal with young women belonging to the Church of England, but practically no difference is made as to creed. Girls who have been led astray are helped to lead a better life, and laundry work is done with the view, as far as possible, of making the place self-supporting. The Sydney Female Refuge in Pitt-street has been established since 1848. Its object is the reclaiming of unfortunate and abandoned females by providing them with a place of refuge in the first instance, and, after a period of probation, restoring them to their friends, or obtaining suitable employment for them. Recommendations for the admission of inmates may be given by magistrates or by ministers of religion; but the superintendent and matron are authorised to receive girls in the case of emergency. Generally there are about 40 inmates, and they are employed at washing and doing needlework. In connection with the Roman Catholic Church, there is a very large institution at Tempe, where there are over 100 residents. The place is under the superintendence of the nuns. The term of probation is usually 12 months, and belonging to the institution is one of the finest laundries to be found in the city. The Bethesda Home, 452 Oxford-street, provides a few women with laundry work. In the Home of Hope, for friendless and fallen women, Stanley-street, Newtown, there are now 42 inmates. It has been established nine years. The premises were first opened in Crown-street, there being four rooms only, but the present house contains 10 rooms. During the last year a laundry has been started, with the object of assisting in providing funds. A special point in connection with the home is that visits are made daily to the police courts, and women are often remanded by the magistrates to the home, instead of being sent to gaol. Suppers are held occasionally, with the view of attracting attention to the place. The attendance is generally between 50 and 60, and usually five or six inmates are recruited. There is an open all-night refuge for women at 403 Sussex-street. In fact, friendless women are received there at any hour of the day or night. The average muster is 25, and many poor creatures find shelter who would otherwise be totally destitute. Work and situations are provided for as many as possible, and meals are allowed. In connection with the Discharged Prisoners' Mission there is a "Home of Welcome" at Darlinghurst. Prisoners are met and entertained at a free breakfast; and the women are sent to the refuges, or are helped to earn an honest livelihood. The "Women's Crusade" is the latest development of this philanthropic work. A number of ladies, who have joined themselves together as an organisation, visit the police cells, and go amongst the haunts of vice in the city; and also look in at the hospitals, in the latter instance taking flowers and tracts. Much good to those intended to be benefited is reported to be the result of this "women's mission to women." A crèche, or day nursery, is provided at 18 Macquarie-street South, where children are attended to whilst their mothers are at work. In this way many women are enabled to earn a living which otherwise it would be impossible for them to do. Through the instrumentality of the Salvation Army, a "Rescued Sisters' Home" has been established at Wilson-street, Newtown. It is capable of receiving 30 inmates, and is nearly always filled. Over 200 have passed through the home during the year. About half of them are now reported to be in situations within four miles of Sydney, whilst others have been restored to their friends. There is an inquiry office at the barracks for lost friends, and there is also a servants' registry department. The sisterhood of the army appear to be indefatigable in their endeavours to reclaim the fallen, and the utmost care is taken of the penitent. In addition there are "Samaritan cases" and destitute cases, which are relieved as far as the exigencies of the army will allow.

And as regards the men it must not be thought that those who are "hard up" are left entirely out in the cold. Discharged prisoners are assisted by the organisations already referred to, and free passes are provided for those desirous of going to the country to obtain work. Numerous applications are received at the "Home of Welcome" from inmates of country gaols for help. In England and America the work of assisting prisoners is on the increase, and every possible assistance is afforded to the workers by the gaol authorities. If ever a man needs the help of others, it is surely at a time such as this. A City Night Refuge is established in Kent-street, and the accommodation provided is superior to that met with in common lodging-houses. Shelter is given for seven days; but after that a man must absent himself for three months before he can again claim assistance. The object of this is to prevent the place being turned into a workhouse. About 80 are to be found here every night. In Francis-street, near Hyde Park, there is another refuge. This will accommodate 30; but the inmates are not so luxuriantly treated, the accommodation provided consisting chiefly of a blanket. An institution at Miller's Point in connection with Trinity Church provides men with temporary shelter, the object being to deal with the poverty in the parish; and the Rev. J. D. Langley has a "labour home" at 555 Harris-street, Ultimo. The men are allowed food and shelter, but are expected to give an equivalent in the way of work. There are now about 30 there. The Home Visiting Relief Society has an office in Bridge-street, and a good many distressed persons are assisted in a quiet manner at their own homes, and the Charity Organisation Society, of 21 Elizabeth-street, is willing to come to the help of citizens who have money to give away, but do not know how to distribute it to advantage.

These at any rate are the chief charities in Sydney. There are doubtless others which do effective work, whilst much assistance is given privately. But the mere recital of the public philanthropic institutions in our midst tells a "tale of woe" which many people probably never thought of before. It goes with the saying that all these establishments are in a generally impecunious condition. Most of them lament overdrafts; few, indeed, rejoice in having balances at their bankers. Help in kind—in provisions and clothing—is as acceptable as in money. Attempts are to be made by some of the managers to give the inmates "Christmas treats"—toys for the children and better fare for the elders. With so many institutions, having such a multiplicity of objects in view, a good deal of the work is necessarily "overlapped." Between one organisation and another a "loafer" can manage to get a fairly good time of it; and, indeed, it is known to those in authority that many constant attendants have not done a day's labour for years. In New York there is a charity bureau which overlooks these institutions, and, by enabling the committees to act in concert, the chance of fraud is reduced to a minimum. Still it must be admitted that an incalculable good is done by the charity organisations of the city; and the question of whether or not they will be able to enlarge their operations at this season of the year must depend to a great degree upon the liberality of the public.

DEPUTATIONS.

HAMILTON REQUIREMENTS.

A deputation, representing the Municipal Councils of Hamilton and Wickham, and accompanied by the members for the district, waited upon the Minister for Works, Mr. W. J. Lyne, yesterday, to urge upon him certain requests affecting their district. It was requested that the Minister should take steps for clearing Styx Creek, which, in consequence of being silted up, caused an overflow upon adjoining municipalities.

Mr. LYNE, in this connection, said that this was the first he had heard of the matter, but he would have a report obtained, and an estimate of the probable cost of the work.

It was also asked that the Minister should assist the council in repairing the main roads of the municipalities of Wickham, Hamilton, and Newtown. To this Mr. Lyne replied that he would look carefully into the matter, and then would be in a position to give a more decided answer than he was prepared to do at that moment.

Mr. FEGAN also introduced the question of the extension of the tramway from Newcastle to Tighe's Hill, and stated that Mr. Thos. Hogue was prepared with arguments on the matter which had not been advanced before.

Mr. HOGUE said that the extension would not only be one of the best paying in the district, but it would place the Hunter-street West traffic in a much better position. He suggested that the tender of Mr. Stokes, which was the lowest, be accepted at once, inasmuch as that gentleman would not press for funds for two months.

Mr. LYNE said that Mr. Stokes's offer, though no doubt a good one, would place the Government in an undesirable position, as they ought to be able to pay the contractor's claims as they became due. He felt a great interest in this matter, as well as anxiety; and although the Government was not at present prepared with money for the work, he hoped that in about three weeks he would be able to entertain the matter in a favourable light, and possibly relieve Mr. Stokes's anxiety by accepting his tender. He had been rather annoyed the previous evening in Parliament that he had not been more generously supported in his attempt to introduce a measure for selling certain lands, which would have provided the Government with funds for carrying out such works as the one now proposed.

GRANTS FOR HAMILTON DISTRICT.

The above deputation yesterday waited upon the Minister for Lands (Mr. Copeland), with respect to certain grants for the district.

In the first place, they urged that a piece of land should be granted, for the purpose of establishing cattle saleyards. Mr. Copeland, however, could not entertain this request, as it had never been the custom to grant land for such purposes, and he was not inclined to create a precedent. In regard to a proposed grant of £500 towards improving Gregson Park, the Minister stated that he could make no definite promise. He thought that as matters stood the park in question was a lasting monument of the importunity of local members, who had successfully "squeezed" successive Governments. However, when the general vote for recreation reserves was under consideration, Hamilton's claims should not be overlooked.

A piece of land (2 allotments) was asked for by the council in connection with its proposed works for dealing with the nightsoil question. In this matter, the exact locality of the land asked for was not specified, and Mr. Copeland suggested that plans should be drawn up and submitted to him at a later stage.

The last request was for money to fence the recreation reserve in Hamilton. With regard to this, the Minister said he would consult with the district surveyor as to the probable cost, and probably he might be able to meet the wishes of the deputation.

DREDGING THE HAWKESBURY.

A deputation from the Hawkesbury district was introduced to the Minister for Works yesterday, by Mr. Bowman, M.L.A., to urge upon him the necessity of dredging the Hawkesbury River either from Pitt-town wharf to Windsor, a distance of five miles, or to the mouth of South Creek, a distance of four miles, to a depth of 4½ft. and width of 100ft. Mr. Lyne, in reply, said that he could not authorise the work, as it appeared to him to be a most extensive one. He would, however, have a careful estimate prepared upon the survey already made, and see if he could alter his decision.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION AT ST. JOHN'S PARK.

Representatives of the residents of St. John's Park, and of the Canley Vale Association, accompanied by Messrs. Nobbs, Dale, and Garrard, Ms.L.A., waited as a deputation upon the Minister for Public Instruction yesterday with a request that he would supply the wants of the people of St. John's Park in the matter of school accommodation. The deputation pointed out that when the present school building was taken over about a year ago there were only 25 pupils on the roll, but the number had since increased to 60, and there was an average attendance of 45. The present school building, apart from being altogether too small for its purpose, was in a most dilapidated condition. Mr. Suttor promised to inquire into the matter and do what was necessary.

HAMILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Yesterday a deputation representing the residents of Hamilton, and accompanied by Messrs. Scott, Fegan, and Grahame, Ms.L.A., waited upon the Minister for Public Instruction to ask for increased accommodation in connection with the Public school at Hamilton, also better quarters for teachers. If possible they thought it would be well to erect a new school altogether, for the present building was not adequate to the requirements of the place.

Mr. SUTTOR said that from what he had seen of the case in hand there were certain alterations needed. It was only a questions of funds; but he would make a special case of this matter, and see what he could do to meet their wishes. Perhaps if tenders were called now, and the customary formalities gone through, the money might be available when the time arrived for accepting a contract, and he would see if he could meet the wishes of the deputation in this way.

LOCAL OPTION LEAGUE.

A deputation, representing the Local Option League, and the 10 church and lay temperance organisations working with the league, waited on the Hon. J. Kidd, Postmaster-General, yesterday. Among the members were the Revs. Dr. Roseby, F. B. Boyce, T. Kench, and J. Bennett Anderson, Messrs. A. Gow, E. J. H. Knapp, E. Dowling, and W. M. Burns, Js.P., and Mr. S. A. Byrne. The Rev. F. B. Boyce, speaking in reference to the full Local Option Bill, which Mr. Kidd had said he would introduce to the House, stated that the league desired to see a measure enacted which would empower the people in electorates to vote prohibition, and to reduce the number of publichouses as they may think fit. In view of the protracted session, the central committee were very desirous of seeing the bill tabled at once, for it had been too long delayed, and it was not right that the people should be kept longer waiting for this measure of social reform.

The Rev. Dr. T. Roseby emphasised the fact that for many years the temperance societies had worked for the purpose of introducing a departure from the old licensing system, and, as this was not a party question, he was sure Mr. Kidd would receive hearty support from all parties in the House. He and others showed that the several resolutions proposed, if approved by the House, could only be put in force by the voice of the electors.

Mr. Kidd, who gave much attention to the speakers, said when he obtained the leave of his colleagues to introduce a local option bill they decided to do so, and leave the question an open one, under the promise that it should be introduced early next session. His sympathy was with the movement. He promised to do all that he could to meet their views, and would consult the Ministers at their next Cabinet meeting. The deputation thanked him for his kind hearing and retired.

HAWKESBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR.

The first annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond, took place yesterday at the local School of Arts. The visitors left Sydney by the 9.5 a.m. train, and among them were—His Excellency Lord Jersey, Captain Cholmondeley, Mr. T. M. Slattery (Minister for Mines and Agriculture), Mr. Harrie Wood (Under Secretary for Mines and Agriculture), Mr. H. C. L. Anderson (Director of Agriculture), Mr. W. H. Quodling (of the Works Department), and several friends of the students. The train arrived at Richmond shortly after 11 o'clock, and the students of the college, who were waiting its arrival, greeted the Governor with cheers. Several of the prominent residents of the district were then introduced to his Excellency, and the party adjourned to the temporary buildings now used as the college, where light refreshments were partaken.

His Excellency, Mr. T. M. Slattery, and the Under Secretary were then driven round the grounds set apart for agricultural experiments, and the party, which was conducted by the principal of the college (Mr. J. L. Thompson), was shown everything of interest, and the work of the students was pointed out. His Excellency expressed himself extremely surprised at the amount of work performed by the students, and thought that the operations of the college were so far of a most satisfactory nature. Special interest was taken by the party in a crop of maize of two months' growth, with which experiments had been made with various manures.

After the party had concluded the inspection of the grounds, which occupied over two hours, an adjournment was again made to the school of arts, where an excellent luncheon had been prepared by Miss Oliver, the matron of the college. Mr. Slattery presided, and his Excellency occupied a seat on his right.

The CHAIRMAN, after the usual loyal toasts had been honoured, proposed "The Health of his Excellency Lord Jersey." He said that his Lordship had at all times been extremely anxious to do his utmost for the elevation and gratification of the people. (Applause.) He sincerely hoped that on the next similar occasion the accommodation would be such as to permit of an invitation being extended to Lady Jersey. (Applause.)

Lord JERSEY thanked them for their hearty response to the toast, and said that, no doubt, Lady Jersey would be present at the next year's gathering. (Applause.) After the run which he had had round the farm he considered that he was an agriculturist. He would not say much, as they all knew that when they wanted work done there must be little talk. (Cheers and laughter.) He wished to congratulate all concerned on the great changes which had been effected on the land during the past few months. He thought that it must have been splendid exercise, and he only wished that he had taken part in it. (Applause.) Before resuming his seat he wished to propose "The Health of the Minister for Mines and Agriculture." Many changes had recently taken place in political matters, but all of the Ministers were fully alive to the great importance of the agricultural industry. He wished to congratulate Mr. Slattery upon having the control of this important branch, and they might rest assured that everything would be done to bring matters to a successful issue.

Mr. SLATTERY, in acknowledging the toast, said that he would spare no pains to advance the intentions of the founder of the institution. (Applause.) He regretted very much the absence of his predecessor that day. He could promise, surrounded as he was by able officers such as Messrs. Wood, Anderson, and Thompson, that when his term of office expired it would be seen that they had done good work, and had done no wrong. (Applause.)

Mr. J. L. THOMPSON, the principal of the college, read his report, which was of a very comprehensive nature. He stated that the work of the farm had commenced in real earnest, and grubbing, clearing, fencing, draining, trenching, ploughing, and planting had been going on with great progress. The students had done their share of the work in all of these operations cheerfully and well, and on land which less than eight months ago was a virgin forest they had now growing a large quantity of farm crops and nursery stock, such as maize, vines, apples, pears, plums, walnuts, &c. Respecting the conduct of the students, the report went on to state that it was not the vice of drink which they had to fear of the Australian youth so much as the minor evil—the inordinate use of tobacco. Out of the 50 students at the college, 43 of them used tobacco in some form, and some of the students had used tobacco to such an excess as to incapacitate them for study and hard work. The students could not say that examples had been set them by their teachers, as neither he nor his officers ever used it. It was worth noticing that only eight of the students were sons of farmers or of men engaged in pastoral pursuits, and he had learned by experience that in most instances youths used to a city life made the most successful farmers. The implements and appliances used for the cultivation of the soil and the harvesting of the crops, especially cereals, in that district, were at least 20 years behind the times. In concluding his report, the principal quoted from Coghlan to show the immense areas of country in New South Wales which, with scientific treatment and irrigation, could be made to produce profitably.

Lord JERSEY then distributed the medals and prizes, and addressed a few encouraging remarks to each recipient.

Mr. SLATTERY said that it had been truly observed by the principal that the young gentlemen connected with that college, and whose ages ranged from 16 to 25 years, were having their characters formed, and he wished to say to the students that those connected with the institution were doing their utmost for the welfare of the students. Considering that they had only had had a few months work, he would ask those in authority not to send in any unkindly reports against them, because he never liked to go against the recommendations of his officers, in whom he had the greatest possible confidence. He found that the seven who had failed in the examination had failed only in the scientific subjects, and not one had failed in what he might term the agricultural subjects. (Applause.) The students should endeavour to pass not only in the practical but also in the scientific branches of the department. He found that his predecessor had given a gold medal for the present year, and he intended to follow in this respect in his predecessor's footsteps.

Mr. H. C. L. ANDERSON (director of agriculture) said that he would confine his remarks to the unfortunate students. His heart was more full of sympathy with the losers than with gladness for those who had succeeded. As one of the examiners he had had great difficulty in deciding upon the prizes, and the student who secured the second highest aggregate number of marks was without a prize. He wished the students to commit to memory the motto which he had chosen for the college, "The Great Father himself willed that the way of the agriculturist should be no easy one." (Applause.) The letters M.H.A.C. appended to the names of students would in a short time be as much valued as similar titles in other countries.

Mr. J. L. THOMPSON moved a hearty vote of thanks to the gentlemen who had so generously offered prizes for competition.

The motion was carried with acclamation, and Mr. Griffin responded on behalf of the donors.

Mr. W. H. QUODLING, on behalf of the parents of the students, thanked the principal of the college and his officers for their attention to those in their charge.

Three cheers were then lustily given for Lord Jersey, followed by three cheers for Lady Jersey.

Lord JERSEY said that he was much obliged to them for that genial outburst. He wished to add his testimony to the great value of that college, not only to the students, but to the whole of the colony. Regarding what had been said about the smoking habits of the students, he, who might perhaps be claimed for a non-smoker, advised them to smoke only in moderation, and confine the habit to the mornings. He was sorry to hear that the student who was second in the aggregate was not included in the prize list, but he intended to award him one. (Applause.) They had had ample proof that morning when driving along the common that the students of the college could work when they chose. Practical agriculture was most important; and perhaps he might even, in spite of professors, say that it was the more important branch, although he did not wish for a moment to decry the scientific side of agriculture. He wished to impress upon those who showed so much energy out of doors to do the same indoors. Theory was of very little use unless it could be practically acted upon. Most theories—he might say all theories—were all the better for a little practical experience. They had seen what could be made of the land there, and no doubt in the course of a few years the students of that college would go to various districts and teach that which they had learned to the benefit of the colony, and crops could be grown on land which was now returning a quarter or a sixth of what nature intended it to return. They must look to agriculture as one of the greatest sources of wealth of New South Wales, and it could only be made a source of wealth by making the most of the land. The wealth of the country would not then be increased by the large buildings, but by some of the smaller holdings made so fertile that the return would be much greater. They looked upon the students as an example to the agriculturists of New South Wales, and they expected before many years to effect as great a change in New South Wales as had been effected in Ham Common, which he understood was nine months ago a very melancholy place. In conclusion he wished every one of them a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Chairman called for three cheers for the Queen, which were heartily given, and the proceedings terminated.

His Excellency and the visitors left for town by the 4.15 train from Richmond.

The following is the prize list:—

Practical Work.—Gold medal, the gift of Mr. S. Smith, M.L.A., Quodling; silver medal, gift of Mr. W. H. Quodling, Shute. Chemistry—Badge of the college in gold, the gift of the Director of Agriculture, Nott. Highest aggregate number of marks in all subjects, dux of college, gold medal, the gift of the principal, Shute. Collection of insects, book, gift of the entomologist, Wicken. Collection illustrating plant diseases, book, the gift of the pathologist, Morton. Best collection of indigenous plants, prize, "Lindley's Treasury of Botany," the gift of the botanist, M. H. Reynolds. Geology, prize, case of mathematical instruments, gift of the science master, M. H. Reynolds. Economic botany, Shute, 1; Stening, 2. Best horseman, gold medal, Quodling; silver medal, Throsby. Proficiency in garden and orchard work, gold medal, Shute; silver medal, Quodling. Best papers on principles of agriculture, gold medal, Shute; silver medal, Dark. Student giving greatest satisfaction in management of dairy and other stock, pigs, &c., gold medal, Welsh. Best kept farm dairy, Shute, 1; Welsh, 2. Best student in carpentry, Stening, 1; M. H. Reynolds, 2. Best collection of fodder plants, indigenous and exotic, gold medal, Shute; silver medal, Bass. Surveying and levelling, gold medal, no award. Best all-round fencer, silver medal, Shute. General good conduct during session, medal, Nott. The student who keeps his own room and surroundings in best order, medal, no award.

THE TAILORS' STRIKE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is exceedingly funny just now to find the tailors and other unionists of the advanced type piteously appealing to the general public for sympathy and assistance in their effort to impose higher prices and worse work on this same long-suffering public, and also to take control of the employers' business for the benefit of the lordly unionists, who look with scorn and contempt on all who do not belong to their clique. Mr. Hepher, as representing the union tailors, is surprised and hurt at the want of interest shown, and evidently thinks the public should rush to assist in building up a monopoly to be used against this very public without the smallest regard to public interest or convenience. Let me inform Mr. Hepher and his fellows of the lordly union clique—the would-be aristocrats of labour—that the explanation of what astonishes and grieves him is quite simple. In the maritime strike, the coalminers' strike, the shearers' strike, the tailors, and every other strike which has been started by the new unionists, the interests and convenience of the general public have been disregarded; in fact, one of the main, if not the chief of the, objects of the new unionists is by causing as much loss and inconvenience as possible to the general public, to compel them to bring pressure on employers, and thus establish a unionist monopoly like that of the Sydney wharf labourers. Now that is about "played out," and the public is sick of it. "*Hinc illæ lacrimæ.*"

I am, &c.,

December 21. GENERAL PUBLIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 18th instant I read with much interest your article re the manifesto issued by the Tailors' Union, as regards the so-called sweating, which the tailors are pretending to be so horrified at, and trying to lead the public to believe that their coming out on strike was done purely on a philanthropic basis, to try and ameliorate the condition of the tailoresses employed in this city. Now, as a tradesman with an experience extending over the past 18 years, principally in New South Wales, I would like to put before the public a few facts which I think ought to totally disabuse the mind of any fair-thinking person in the community from the idea that this is, or ever has been, the motto of the Tailors' Union, and that this strike was got up merely to help to keep down sweating; but on the contrary, to try and serve their own ends, and for their own private purses. Before going into these facts, I may state that I am one of the few journeymen tailors who have had courage enough to object to being dictated to by the Tailors' Union, and am at present working for three leading firms; and I will show the prices paid to me by these several firms, and those paid by me to those in my employ. For trousers-making the prices run thus:—No. 1, from 12s to 18s 6d per pair; No. 2, from 10s to 14s per pair with machine; No. 3, from 9s 7d upwards, per pair. Now at any of these shops I, or any man who wishes to make a good living, can do so if so inclined; and these are not the only houses in the city where the journeymen are similarly well treated, as any ordinary tradesman can complete at least one pair daily, and, if he is inclined to be a little industrious, more, and to average as much (if not more) wages as any other trade. Now to turn to their ideas of sweating. I have in my employ five females, whose hours are from 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m. daily, with a break of one hour for dinner, Saturdays excepted, when their labour is completed at 4 p.m. at the latest. The lowest wages paid by me to them is 35s per week, and one piece-worker earns on an average £2 5s per week, which I am in a position to prove. Now mark the way these self-styled philanthropists try to help these "poor unfortunate girls." A week or so ago, a crowd of some forty to fifty tailors surrounded my workshop, and two of them requested me to stop taking work from a certain firm, and when I distinctly refused, stating as my reason that I was satisfied with the prices paid to me, they then requested the girls in my employ to desist from work, who one and all flatly refused to do so. These tailors, who have the interest of the "poor down-trodden girls" so much at heart, then retired (at my request) outside my workshop, and then ensued a scene which should make these philanthropists (?) blush and hide their heads in shame. Howling, yelling, and cursing, they stopped carts of every description, together with passers-by, and tried with language of the vilest kind to bring shame upon these females. This kind of behaviour lasted fully an hour, until one of their scouts apprised them that the police were coming on the scene, when they speedily got out of sight. So much for their pity for the "unfortunate tailoresses," and I leave the public to guess how deep it is. In conclusion, at the first meeting held by these strikers, I was surprised to notice that amongst the leaders who deplore the long hours the tailor has to work, were some whom I have known to work fifteen, sixteen, and seventeen hours per day, not because they were badly paid, or their work was wanted in a hurry, but simply to make as much money as possible, and in two instances these men are property-holders.

I am, &c., T. D. REID.

RE AREA OF THE COLONY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent "F" in issue of 15th instant, I am prepared to prove that the area of New South Wales, as given by the Government Statist—viz., 310,700 square miles, or 198,848,000 acres, is the correct one.

I enclose copies of two official minutes. First (1) of 22-10-75, which was communicated to the Home Government through the Colonial Secretary's Office, in reply to a request issued by her Majesty's Government to all British colonies, for the most reliable information, *inter alia*, as to the estimated areas of the same.

This minute explained the difficulties at that time surrounding the work, as a result of which I submitted 198,990,269 acres to be the approximate area of New South Wales, but claimed a margin of 1-400th part, or about 500,000 acres, as an outside limit for all possible errors due to causes explained.

2. Second minute of 26-9-81, amending the above estimate to 198,848,012 acres, which was also communicated to the Home Government, with copies of all calculations on which it had been based, and showing a difference of 142,257 acres as against that of 1875; of which difference, 92,440 acres were due to an amendment in the determination of the longtitude of Sydney, arrived at by Messrs. Russell and Ellery, as compared to that previously adopted in 1870 by Messrs. Smalley and Todd in determining the intersection of the 141st meridian with the Murray River.

During the six years intervening between the above official minutes, I had recompiled the colony map on a large scale, eight miles to the inch, with the further assistance of many important astronomical determinations of points and of extensive geodetic and other surveys of lengthy tie lines not available at the time of my former compilation; and I had the additional advantage of having every line of my compilation, every formula used, and every computation made, carefully checked by highly skilled draftsmen; yet the ultimate discrepancy arrived at was only 49,817 acres (irrespective of that of 92,440 acres above referred to, which was outside the question of my compilation); and I was perfectly satisfied that it was unnecessary to reserve a margin of error of even 1-4000th part, or 50,000 acres, to protect my reputation in the future.

I had, for sometime only, remained in the public service to complete this work, and retired from it four days after submitting the above second minute, leaving my map to be completed in minor details, lettering, &c., by the draftsman who had been specially appointed to assist me in this work for the previous 18 months. Unfortunately, on 22nd September, 1882, the map to which I had devoted more or less all my available time during 10 or 12 years, with all computations, reductions, and many original plans, was destroyed in the Garden Palace fire. I had, however, retained privately a diagram illustrating the basis of my compilation, and copies of the principal computations, with which I shall ever be ready to assist anyone who may again undertake so elaborate a work, and, on the other hand, to challenge the absurdly inaccurate statements as to the area of the colony, which from time to time are promulgated from various sources, based on compilations of no scientific character or value.

I am, &c., E. DU FAUR.

Exchange-buildings, December 18.

OUR SURPLUS MEAT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If our pastoralists should decide to boil down sheep in large numbers I would suggest that attached to every boiling-down establishment a large shed should be erected suitable for curing hams, and that the best legs should be treated by an expert and made into mutton hams. These hams should be sewn into calico, branded, and shipped to countries where meat is scarce. The Germans are very fond of anything in the shape of hams. I have seen a German merchant take out his clasp-knife, cut a slice out of a mutton ham, and eat it raw without either sauce or bread. Possibly the German and Australian Steamship Company would develop a trade in Australian hams with Antwerp and Hamburg. The advantages of shipping some of our mutton in this form would be various. First, there would be less freight to pay, because hams need not be sent in the freezing chambers. Secondly, hams could be distributed by all the grocers in the United Kingdom, whereas the frozen-meat trade is necessarily in the hands of a few butchers and others, who, doubtless, pocket a good deal by the monopoly. Thirdly, if properly cured and carefully stitched in calico, mutton hams ought to keep good for an indefinite time and thus be available in times of scarcity. Possibly these hams, from their cheapness and portability, might be largely used by the vast armies on the Continent, especially in times of war. The same staff and appliances at the curing-sheds could also be utilised for curing and tinning (or smoking) all the sheep's tongues, for which article there is an unlimited demand here and everywhere. In case boiling down is resorted to on a large scale, the extra capital for a curing-house should not be very much. Other suggestions may occur now that the subject is being ventilated, but in view of our enormous surplus of sheep prompt action seems to be most important, especially when we consider that variable as our climate is, disastrous droughts may be calculated on to a certainty, judging by past experience.

I am, &c., R. F. JAY.

Singleton, December 19.

MISS MARY ANDERSON, our beautiful cousin, is good enough to say of Pears' Soap: "I have used it for two years with the greatest satisfaction, for I find it the very best." Pears' Soap for toilet and nursery. Specially prepared for the delicate skin of ladies and children.—[ADVT.]

LADIES! Have your old jewellery modernised to perfection by DAHMS and CO., 168 Pitt-street, opp. Hordern Bros'.—[ADVT.]

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

The Christmas pony and galloway meeting, under the management of the Rosehill Club, will be continued and concluded to-day, and visitors to that popular sporting rendezvous will be accommodated with special trains, starting from Redfern at 1.4 (second-class), 1.31 and 1.33 p.m. (first-class). The opening event is timed for 2.25 p.m., and the final for 4.45 p.m., so that an early return to the city can be effected. The track is in splendid condition, and the sport promises to be of an interesting character.

A special meeting of the A.J.C. committee was held yesterday forenoon, when it was decided to take advantage of the public holiday on Monday next by holding an extra day's racing at Randwick, and the following programme was drafted for the occasion:—Hurdle Race, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added, second horse to receive 25 sovs. from the prize, 2 miles; Surprise Stakes, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added, second horse to receive 25 sovs. from the prize, 6 furlongs; Mutual Selling Race of 150 sovs., weights—3 years 8st 10lb, 4 years and upwards 9st 7lb, winner to be sold for 150 sovs., selling allowances, the surplus on selling price to be divided between the owner of the second horse and the club, 7 furlongs; Steeplechase, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added, second horse to receive 25 sovs. from the prize, about 2½ miles; Christmas Handicap, a handicap sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 150 sovs. added, for two years old, second horse to receive 25 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs; and Holiday Handicap, a sweepstakes of 2 sovs. each for starters, with 200 sovs. added, second horse to receive 25 sovs. from the prize, for three years old and upwards, 1 mile 3 furlongs. Nominations for the aforementioned events must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. T. S. Clibborn, before 4 p.m. to-day, accompanied by the usual entrance fee of 1 sov.

The right to the entrance gates and St. Leger Reserve at Randwick for the extra day's racing under the auspices of the A.J.C., on Monday next, will be offered for public competition at noon to-day by Mr. George Kiss, at his bazaar, Pitt-street.

Consequent on the proclamation of Monday next as a public holiday, the Rosehill management have postponed the closing of nominations for their January reunion until the following day (Tuesday, the 29th instant).

Though business was not very brisk in the betting market yesterday, several important changes took place in the wagering on the A.J.C. Summer Cup, for which Marvel was backed down to 10 to 1, and Paris receded to that figure, while Sir Anthony was firm at the same quotation. Highborn had friends, who accepted 12 to 1 without exhausting the market, and the same price was obtainable about Vespasia and Impulse. Yunko and Sunshine were quoted at 14 to 1, and 100 to 6 could be got about any other. Save in doubles, the principal events of Tattersall's Club Annual Meeting failed to bring about any business.

The following withdrawals from the Rosehill pony and galloway races were notified at the offices of the club yesterday:—All engagements: Iolcene, Pearl, Fable, Camelo, Signess. Summer Handicap: Stormy and Ixion. Ryde Handicap: Fair Nell.

Pony race meetings will be held at the Lillie Bridge Grounds, Forest Lodge, to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock, and on Saturday night, commencing shortly after 8 o'clock. Excellent entries have been received for both days, and as the success of the new starting apparatus is now an established fact, the fields will be sent away without delay. Five events appear on each programme, and there is every prospect of some excellent sport. Special arrangements have been made with the tramway authorities for extra trams to run to the grounds on each day in ample time for the first race.

Owners and trainers of trotting stock, ponies, and galloways should note that nominations for the following events on the programme to be played out at the trotting and race meeting to be held next Wednesday, under the management of the Sydney Driving Park Club, close with the secretary, Mr. E. G. Froom, at 4 p.m. to-day:—Nursery Handicap of 20 sovs. (12.3), ½-mile; Park Handicap of 25 sovs. (14.1), 5 furlongs; Time Handicap Trot of 30 sovs., 3 miles; Unique Selling Race of 30 sovs., for all heights, three years old and upwards, welter w.f.a. and w.f.i., winner to be sold for 30 sovs., ½-mile and 50 yards; Bylong Handicap of 25 sovs. (13.3), 4 furlongs and 50 yards; and Flying Welter Handicap of 30 sovs. (14.2), lowest weight 7st 7lb, 5 furlongs. The regular entrance fee of one sov. for each race must accompany the nomination form.

Jockeys' licenses were granted yesterday to H. M'Quade and J. Hatch by the A.J.C. authorities.

The well-known jockey, M. Gallagher, who was injured while riding Cobham in the Melbourne Cup, has regained his health, and will be able to take part in the midsummer reunions at Randwick.

SYDNEY DRIVING PARK CLUB.

Though the weather was rather too hot for the enjoyment of outdoor sports, the attendance at Moore Park yesterday to witness the trotting and race meeting held under the auspices of the Sydney Driving Park Club was up to the average. The track was in good order, and the general arrangements up to the usual standard. A good deal of dissatisfaction was expressed at the starting, especially at that for the Club Handicap, in which the chances of the favourite were greatly discounted, and the demonstration accorded to the starter on returning to the enclosure was anything but flattering. The other officials carried out their duties satisfactorily, and the sport passed off without accident. Proceedings commenced with the Ete Ete Handicap, for which one short of a dozen left the enclosure, and Gilderoy was most in demand, but he did not get a situation, for, after Kate and Young Dick had made most of the running, Bonnie Lad came through at the home corner and won cleverly. Eleven again faced the starter for the Park Handicap, and Alwvina was made a warm favourite, but though she occupied a good position in the early part of the race, she faded away when a couple of furlongs from home, and a great battle, ending in a dead heat, was fought out between Green Boy and Adella. The owners agreed to divide the stake. Rita was selected as the best of good things for the Time Handicap Trot, her friends laying 2 to 1 on at the finish, and she repaid their confidence by winning easily, though she discounted her chances by skipping on several occasions. A quartette took place in the Unique Selling Race, and Cloth of Gold was made an odds on favourite, but she could only get second to Aveline, who won comfortably. The winner was bought in for £15. Eurimbla was made an even money favourite for the Club Handicap, but she had all the worst of a bad start, and, though she made a game effort, she could not catch Fairy Boy, who won with a trifle in hand. Half a dozen contested the Flying Handicap, for which Keepsake was elected an even money favourite, but she was never dangerous, and Miss Dirl, who was unbacked, scored a meritorious victory. Appended are the details:—

ETE ETE HANDICAP of 25 sovs. (13.2), ½ mile.—Mr. T. Jones ns br g Bonnie Lad, aged, 8st 1lb (Fulford), 1; Mrs. Wootton's b g King, aged, 6st 12lb (Cavanagh), 2; Mr. J. Agnew ns ch m Kate, 4 years, 7st 8lb including 8lb over (Want), 3. Other starters: Rosina, 8st 9lb; Jess, 7st 7lb; Young Dick, 6st 12lb; Freda, 6st 12lb; Guilderoy, 6st 7lb; Theila, 6st 7lb; Sambo, 6st 7lb; Villewood, 6st 7lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Gilderoy, 5 to 1 each v. Bonnie Lad, Young Dick, Rosina, and Jess. Won by half a length, a length between second and third. Time, 56½ seconds.

PARK HANDICAP of 20 sovs. (14.1), 5 furlongs.—Mr. A. Cummings's b g Green Boy (late Jack), 6 years, 8st (Porter), *; Mr. T. Stubbley's b m Adella, aged, 6st 8lb (Cavanagh), *; Mr. F. Smith ns b m Miss Dirl, aged, 7st 7lb (Verney), 3. Other starters: Alwvina, 8st 11lb; Fair Sex, 8st 6lb; Dreadnought, 7st 3lb; Good-bye, 7st 2lb; Aveline, 6st 12lb; Ouida, 6st 11lb; Phyllis, 7st 3lb; Spondulix, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Alwvina, 2 to 1 v. Green Boy, 4 to 1 v. Fair Sex, 5 to 1 v. Aveline, 6 to 1 v. Dreadnought. *Dead heat, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 7 seconds.

TIME HANDICAP TROT, of 40 sovs; 2 miles.—Mr. J. Ryan ns blk m Rita, 5 years (harness), 10 seconds behind (White), 1; Mr. J. Farmer's b g Cavalier, aged (saddle), 13 seconds behind (Woods), 2; Mr. R. G. Hassall's b m Yum Yum, 6 years (saddle), 20 seconds behind (Lawler), 3. Other starters: No Name, scratch; Canary, scratch; Cleveland, seconds behind; Butcher Boy, 5 seconds behind; Lady Grace, 5 seconds behind; Anneaux D'Or, 19 seconds behind; Lucilla, 13 seconds behind; Picaninny, 20 seconds behind. Betting: 2 to 1 on Rita, 3 to 1 v. Cleveland, 4 to 1 v. Cavalier, 10 to 1 bar three. Won by 50 yards, 10 lengths between second and third. Time, 5 minutes 42 seconds.

UNIQUE SELLING RACE of 30 sovs., for all heights, three-year-olds and upwards, welter w.f.a., and w.f.i.; winner to be sold for 30 sovs., 5 furlongs.—Mr. A. Barry ns b or br m Aveline (nil), aged, 8st 12lb (M. Riley), 1; Mr. P. Bourke's ch g Cloth of Gold (nil), aged, 9st 12lb (Clarke), 2; Mr. M. A. Tonkin ns g g Encore (nil), 5 years, 9st (Farrell), 3. Other starter: Phyllis, 8st 11lb. Betting: 6 to 4 on Cloth of Gold, 3 to 1 v. Aveline and Encore, 10 to 1 v. Phyllis. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 8½ seconds.

CLUB HANDICAP of 30 sovs. (14), ¾ mile and 50 yards.—Mr. G. Carter ns b g Fairy Boy, aged, 8st 12lb (Fulford), 1; Mr. P. Sullivan ns b m Eurimbla, aged, 8st 1lb (Walker), 2; Mr. M. A. Tonkin ns br m Lillydale, aged, 6st 13lb, inc. 5lb over (Maher), 3. Other starters: Killarney, 7st 2lb; Lady Carrington, 7st 1lb; Playboy, 6st 12lb; Cimeter, 6st 10lb; Wonder, 6st 10lb; Miss Amy, 6st 10lb; Lone Hand, 7st 1lb, inc. 7lb over. Betting: Even money on Eurimbla, 3 to 1 v. Fairy Boy and Cimeter, 7 to 1 v. Wonder and Lady Carrington, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a length, a neck between second and third. Time, 59 seconds.

FLYING HANDICAP of 40 sovs. (14.2), 6 furlongs.—Mr. F. Smith ns b m Miss Dirl, aged, 7st (Verney), 1; Mr. J. Alderborough ns ch m Coquette, 6 years, 8st 7lb (Porter), 2; Mr. F. M'Carthy's b g Roué (late Rainbow), aged 6st 13lb (Cavanough), 3. Other starters: Keepsake, 8st 2lb; Fair Sex, 8st 1lb; Dreadnought, 6st 12lb. Betting: Even money on Keepsake, 2 to 1 v. Roué, 3 to 1 v. Coquette, 5 to 1 v. Dreadnought, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by half a length, a similar distance separating second and third. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

ROSEHILL CHRISTMAS PONY AND GALLOWAY RACE MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The weights for the undermentioned events, to be decided at Rosehill to-day, are subjoined:—

CLYDE HANDICAP (14.2), 5½ furlongs.—Little Demon, 9st 8lb; Judge, 9st 7lb; Waitress, 9st 5lb; Miss Elsie, 9st 3lb; Nancy Lee, 9st; Camelo, 9st; The Moth, 8st 12lb; Cricket, 8st 9lb; Blunderbuss, 8st 8lb; Folly, 8st 7lb; Carry, 8st 7lb; Cuckoo, 8st 5lb; Content, 8st 5lb; Fable, 8st 3lb; Dorothy, 8st 1lb; Herald, 8st; Her Majesty, 8st; Sea Breeze, 7st 10lb; Miss Onyx, 7st 7lb; Romp, dead.

SUMMER HANDICAP (14.0), 6 furlongs.—Stormy, 8st 12lb; Haselmere, 8st 2lb; Sligo, 8st 5lb; Secret, 7st 12lb; Ixion, 7st 9lb; Geebung, 7st 5lb; Sandy, 7st 4lb; Retribution, 7st 2lb; Merveille, 7st 2lb; Nancy, 7st 1lb; Agility, 6st 12lb; Fraud, 6st 10lb; The Dean, 6st 7lb; Ethel, 6st 2lb.

TINY HANDICAP (13.2), 4½ furlongs.—Popsy, 9st 12lb; Little Carbine, 8st 10lb; Pet, 8st 10lb; Kempsey, 8st 9lb; Kathleen, 8st 2lb; Calamity, 7st 12lb; Warrene, 7st 7lb; Jack II, 7st 7lb; Sunny, 7st 4lb; Lady Dunmore, 7st 3lb; Tempe, 7st 2lb; Nelly, 6st 12lb; Cambridge, 6st 8lb; Sophy, 6st 7lb; Beta, 6st.

RYDE HANDICAP (14.1), 6 furlongs.—Nettie, 9st 9lb; Little Clare, 9st 5lb; Warripet, 8st 2lb; Iolcene, 8st 10lb; Forest Maid, 8st 5lb; Tat, 8st 4lb; Guanaco, 8st; Little Clio, 8st; Marionette, 8st; Fair Nell, 8st; Jenny, 8st; Martha C., 7st 12lb; Lucy, 7st 10lb; Maggie, 7st 7lb; Eureka, 7st 7lb; Tom Thumb, 7st 6lb; Trojan, 7st 2lb; Fair Alice, 7st 1lb; Gipsy Girl II., 7st; Ruby II., 6st 12lb; Doris, 6st 8lb; Miss Gladstone, 6st 3lb; Three Star, 6st; Venice, 6st.

PONY HANDICAP (13.3), 5 furlongs.—Hebe, 9st 3lb; Alice May, 8st 10lb; Rock Lily, 8st 1lb; Sardis, 7st 8lb; Ethel, 7st 6lb; Wanderer, 7st 6lb; Beauty, 7st; Popsy, 7st; Xantippe, 7st; Bet, 6st 12lb; Buttercup, 6st 10lb; Calamity, 6st 8lb; Prairie Bird, 6st 3lb; Junior, 6st 3lb; The Shell, 6st 3lb; Dot, 6st.

FINAL HANDICAP (14.2), 7 furlongs.—Little Sister, 9st 3lb; Signora, 9st 3lb; Fulspar, 8st 3lb; Lady Teat, 8st 12lb; Ecstasy, 8st 7lb; Pearl, 8st 7lb; Miss Lincoln, 8st; The Nun, 7st 11lb; Waitress, 7st 9lb; Swan, 7st 8lb; Judge, 7st 8lb; Little Demon, 7st 7lb; Darklight, 7st 8lb; Camelo, 7st 5lb; Cissie, 7st 4lb; Casey, 6st 12lb; Little Clio, 6st 12lb; Content, 6st 8lb; Fable, 6st 8lb; Herald, 6st 5lb; Her Majesty, 6st 4lb; Tom Thumb, 6st 4lb; Dawn, 6st 3lb; Monitor, 6st; Secret, 6st; Romp, dead.

LILLIE BRIDGE TROTTING AND RACE MEETING.

The following is the list of handicaps declared for the Lillie Bridge Pony Race Meeting, to be held on next Saturday evening:—

BOXING HANDICAP (12.1), 3 furlongs.—Sindbad, 8st 11lb; Do Less, 7st 9lb; Little Annie, 7st 4lb; Snowstorm, 6st 12lb; Nana, 6st 10lb; Little Bernie, 6st 10lb; Jimmy, 6st 9lb; King, 6st.

WELCOME HANDICAP (13.3), 5 furlongs.—Fairy Boy, 10st 7lb; Killarney, 9st; Ganges, 8st 3lb; Playboy, 8st 3lb; Wanda, 8st 2lb; Little May, 7st 2lb; Florrie, 7lb; Everlasting, 6st 7lb; Ben-my-Cree, 6st 7lb.

SUMMER HANDICAP (12.3), ½-mile.—Carrie, 9st 5lb; Sandfly, 8st 4lb; Lady Bird, 7st 12lb; Hazeldean, 7st; Whiteface, 6st 12lb; Little Charley, 6st.

HOLLY HANDICAP (13.1), ½-mile.—Tarangaba, 9st 10lb; Maud, 8st 6lb; Theila, 8st 2lb; Kate, 8st 2lb; Ellen (late Hynamon), 8st 2lb; Essex, 7st 9lb; Guilderoy, 7st 2lb; Oxide, 6st 2lb; Ruby, 6st.

TIME HANDICAP HORSE TROT, 2 miles.—Norrie, scratch; Jack, Dolly, 8 seconds behind; Florence K., Winnie K., Butcher Boy, 5 seconds behind; Cleveland, 7 seconds behind; Statesman and Lady Grace, 10 seconds behind; Chanticleer, 20 seconds behind.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

HILL END RACES.

HILL END, WEDNESDAY.

The following weights are announced for the

HILL END AND TAMBAROORA HANDICAP.—Mumper, 8st 10lb; Tempest, 8st 6lb; Protection, 7st 12lb; Gratis, 7st 2lb; Kildare, 7st 2lb; Novice, 7st 2lb; Folly, 6st 12lb; Hugo, 6st 7lb.

PUBLICANS' PURSE.—Mumper, 9st; Stone, 8st 10lb; Tempest, 8st 10lb; Gratis 8st 4lb; Novice, 8st 4lb; Magpie, 8st; Collector, 8st; Folly, 7st 10lb; Counterfeit, 7st 10lb; Simple Jack, 7st 10lb; Hugo, 7st 4lb.

TOCUMWAL RACES.

WAGGA, WEDNESDAY.

The following are the nominations for the Tocumwal Race Club meeting on the 1st January:—

HURDLE RACE.—Gordon, Myko, Disraeli, Forest King, Daunt.

TOCUMWAL HANDICAP.—Hassen, Disraeli, Denmark II., Glen Erin, Bell Blue, Dancing Master, Folly, Mohr, Sara Bernhardt, King (late Chance), Douglasstone, Hyacine.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Glen Erin, Veno, Bell Blue, The Nun II., Gray Dawn.

PLATE.—Mohr, Sara Bernhardt, King (late Chance), Calamity, Irish Queen, Fish Plate, Hyacine, Uncas.

[illegible] STAKES.—Shooting, Star of Erin, Veno, The Nun II., Electro, Irish Queen, Veno, Calamity, Gipsy, Uncas, Romany Lass, Tramino.

LILLIE BRIDGE HANDICAP.

The following are the starts for the Lillie Bridge 100 Yards Handicap of £60, to be run on Monday and Wednesday nights. Acceptances are free, and close at the post:—

C. Samuels, 4 yards; F. Kingsmill, 5½; F. Nowland, 6; E. A. Martineer, 6; H. Murray, A. R. Hume, W. Brown, J. Marsh, G. W. Heath, 6½; T. J. M'Auliffe, L. Marsh, C. Rogers, T. G. Agnew, R. D. Layton, 7; D. Braithwaite, H. Stewart, C. W. Mitchell, H. J. Harris, C. M'Glivery, J. W. Byrne, M. Warde, 7½; W. A. Connelly, F. Surman, F. C. Ezzie, S. Donovan, W. Gowans, O. Cowley, C. E. Merchant, J. Harrison, R. R. Williams, 8; A. Wall, W. Canty, J. H. Young, W. Abbott, C. E. Armstrong, A. A. Brown, J. Armstrong, W. Willie, J. Sullivan, G. T. Hicks, W. Kennedy, M. J. Connole, J. Butler, 8½; W. Bartlett, T. Elliott, A. T. Christian, P. M'Ateer, M. J. Cooney, T. Pringle, J. Hart, W. Love, G. A. Studdert, T. A. Heppner, W. W. Smith, M. V. Morrissy, J. Crawford, A. Warden, H. Darling, 9; H. Moran, J. Westwood, G. Kemp, F. Wiggins, R. Geldart, G. Stines, A. Manfield, A. Cox, R. Gordon, E. B. Foley, W. H. Grey, R. Brindle, 9½; M. J. Monnock, S. E. Buchanan, G. Porter, J. Farrell, L. A. Hoelscher, C. A. Murray, R. C. Harris, W. Crago, R. Hilderbrand, C. Linden, A. E. Causer, T. M'Grory, E. Booth, F. Russel, J. Creed, W. H. Mason, A. M'Farlane, W. Garland, 10; J. Collier, W. A. Grey, T. Budd, L. Burns, T. E. M'Auliffe, T. Cartwright, W. Rowling, D. M. Thomas, W. Etherington, C. Morris, F. W. Lord, F. W. M'Knight, D. Harrison, R. Mumford, G. Hummerstone, W. C. Rien, W. T. Rogers, E. Penno, 10½.

CRICKET.

The Victorian representatives for the intercolonial junior match are expected to arrive in Sydney to-day. They will be met by the committee of the New South Wales Cricket Union and driven to their hotel, the Cambridge Club, where Mr. J. C. Neild M.L.A., will welcome them to Sydney. The match will be commenced to-morrow afternoon on the Agricultural Society's Ground, which has been specially prepared for the event. The catering has been entrusted to Mr. Callaghan, who is also the successful tenderer for the publican's booth. The Centennial Band has also been secured for the occasion.

A strong team from the Surrey United Club played the Belvidere Veterans on the Rushcutter Bay oval yesterday afternoon. The wicket played very well, but the bowling proved too much for the batsmen, hence the small scores on both sides. The Veterans won by 6 runs after a very exciting finish, W. B. Fairfax contributing 53, being the only double figure score on the Belvidere side. Barbour and Moore divided the wickets for the same team, while Sweetnam and Driver took nearly all the wickets for the Surreys; the latter also made top score. The following are the full scores:—

BELVIDERE VETERANS.

J. Trinnick, c sub., b M'Coy	8	A. Moore, b Driver	1
W. B. Fairfax, h.o.w., b Sweetnam	53	C. Berghoff, c Sweetnam, b Driver	7
W. B. Halligan, b Sweetnam	4	L. Barbour, b Sweetnam	8
D. Aitken, b Sweetnam	8	W. Reedy, not out	1
E. Robison, b Driver	8	D. M'Laurin, run out	0
H. Y. Braddon, b Sweetnam	4	Sundries	7
		Total	104

SURREY UNITED.

Goldman, b Barbour	12	Ball, b Barbour	3
J. Searle, b Moore	0	Beavis, c Braddon, b Moore	1
Parfitt, c and b Barbour	10	Driver, not out	21
Buckle, c Trinnick, b Moore	19	M'Dougall, b Moore	6
Sweetnam, run out	3	Sundries	5
Ashdown, b Moore	18		
M'Coy, b Barbour	0	Total	98

PIGEON-SHOOTING.

Open sweepstake shooting will take place at the New South Wales Gun Club's grounds this afternoon, commencing at 2.30.

TREASURY BILLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—While wandering over the pages of Monday's *Herald*, my eye instinctively rested upon a letter purported to have been written by a financier by profession. Being in the same profession myself, although not aspiring to such honour and glory as my friend apparently does, I would have thought that a man of such calibre, when addressing himself to a criticising people as we Australians are, would divulge views of his own (quite original I mean) and not save himself the trouble of a little thought by borrowing others. We financiers, as a rule, are not gifted with excessive brains, but owe our success to the simplicity of our daily routine. To argue, as some do, that a banker or any other class of financier should be looked upon as a man of wondrous brain-power is simply arguing against the whole scheme of finance, as has recently been proved by the contradictory results arrived at by the opposite parties during the late debate upon the motion of censure in the Assembly. Through his borrowed opinions, "F. by P." endeavours to instil into our little minds a deal of information with regard to the Treasury bills proposed to be issued by the Government. In reference to this little matter my ideas do not at all coincide with his, for I think that as we at least have a conscientious Government at the helm, with any amount of turning room (assets I mean), why not give them a trial as others before them, so they may have a chance of distinguishing themselves in the matter of spending a few sovereigns expediently. To do this, and manage the affairs of this "beautiful and mismanaged country," the issue of Treasury bills to the proposed extent, £4,000,000, is absolutely necessary. Four and a half per cent. isn't much, and some present holders of Australian stock will be able to better themselves. It's an ill wind blows nobody good. If by protection a poor man requires more money to carry him through the struggles of life, surely the Government of a country requires an amount in comparison, and £4,000,000 is a very fair thing. "F. by P." also agrees with Mr. Garvan's idea of raising funds by a tax on incomes over £350, and by increased probate duties. My friend is undoubtedly only in receipt of some small trifle under £350 per annum, and he cannot be likely to inherit an estate, or he would not talk like that. Are we not doing our utmost to make law cheaper, and why not have probate duties also lessened? Neither will an income tax affect all the rich. A rich firm may be working upon an overdraft, and these very people whom we want to contribute towards the revenue virtually have no income, consequently avoid paying their share of revenue. The fairest way of coming at all proportionately is by putting on a land tax, which would tax everyone according to his means—not even the absentee escaping.

I am, &c., TOUT.

THE TEA DUTY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—If the Treasurer thinks that in remitting the 3d per lb. duty on tea he is benefiting the "working-man" or giving a cheaper breakfast table, he is labouring under a huge mistake, and would do well to reconsider the matter before he throws away—or rather throws into the pockets of the tea dealers—£125,000 per annum, which according to his financial statement he cannot afford to lose. It is a well-known fact that the wholesale price of tea during the past 15 years has averaged a reduction of fully 20 per cent., yet the retail prices are the same now as 20 years ago, and the remission of the present duty would be simply adding that much extra to the retailers already large profits. Furthermore, the present duty provides a great barrier to the colony being made the receptacle for the refuse or rubbish of the Chinese tea houses; therefore in the interest of the working-man, and that he may not have to imbibe distilled leprosy from his teacup, the duty should be continued, the "wild cat" party to the contrary notwithstanding.

I am, &c., COSMOPOLITE.

THE JEWELLERS.
STEVENSON BROTHERS.
Messrs. Stevenson Brothers, of 382 George-street, are, as usual, in the front rank with an extensive display of articles, all suitable for the approaching Christmas festival. The firm's old shop, immediately below the Post Office, has been pulled down, and this has necessitated the removal of an enormous stock, valued at many thousands of pounds, to the premises now occupied; and this being the case, it is absolutely necessary that a clearance should be effected, and a monster sale is now in full swing, no reasonable offer being refused for articles of the very highest quality. First and foremost on the list are the diamond goods, bracelets ranging from £450 downwards, and diamond rings from £100. There is a large stock of gold chains, gold watches, electro-plated ware, such as toast-racks, tea and coffee services, chaste diamond brooches, wedding and keeper rings, handsome sterling silver card-cases, revolving cruets, and countless other articles, all at specially reduced prices. The finest exhibit in the window was spoilt only a few nights ago, when a man deliberately smashed the plate-glass and decamped with a diamond brooch, valued at £350, and part of a magnificent diamond suite worth £900. The loss is a large one; still, this will not deter the enterprising firm from maintaining their sensational reductions in the price of articles. Altogether, this year's show is an admirable one, and reflects credit on Messrs. Stevenson Brothers.—[ADVT.]

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

BURWOOD.

The council held its fortnightly meeting on Monday, when there were present:—Aldermen Scholes (Mayor), Redman, Simpson, Hennessy, Paisley, Russell-Jones, T. H. Jones, Cowdery, and Archer. In reply to Alderman Simpson, the Mayor stated that on inquiry he had been informed by the Postal Department that matters in connection with the erection of the Burwood post-office were progressing satisfactorily. Alderman Simpson said it was now five years since the post-office was promised. In September last a resolution moved by him had been carried to the effect that, if tenders were not called by the end of the month, the matter be brought before the House. Tenders had since been called, but nothing further had been done. He therefore moved,—"That the members for Canterbury be asked to lay the matter before the House." Alderman Hennessy seconded. Alderman G. E. Russell-Jones moved an amendment to the effect "That no further action be taken before Wednesday, when the Mayor was to interview the Postmaster-General." This was seconded by Alderman Cowdery, and carried. On the motion of Alderman Redman, it was decided to lay asphalt footpaths on the west side of Mary-street, and on the west side of Carilla-street; and, on the motion of Alderman T. H. Jones, the following resolution was carried:—"That the Government be requested to resume the paddocks belonging to Messrs. Humphrey and Morgan, bounded by Condor, Norwood, Spring, and Want streets, for park purposes."

KOGARAH.

At the last meeting of the Kogarah Council, at which there was a full attendance of aldermen, a letter was read from the Rockdale Council regarding the cemetery question, stating that that council had under their special notice the fact that a deputation recently waited upon the hon. the Minister for Lands with regard to a site for a cemetery, and that the deputation suggested as a suitable one the block of land known as Mark's, fronting Lady Robinson's beach, and within the Rockdale municipality—and they considering they are not being treated with the consideration that should have by common courtesy been extended to an adjoining municipality so largely interested in the question at issue, and have at all times been ready and willing; and have hitherto used their best endeavours to urge the Government to provide a site suitable for the whole of the district, and not in the interest of one only of the municipalities of Kogarah, Hurstville, and Rockdale, who are alike jointly and equally interested; and such being the facts they failed to see why they should be ignored. Also stating that they are much surprised, and regret that the Kogarah Council should have committed what may be termed a direct breach of faith in the face of the fact that the conference of the three municipalities named held some time back, and after mature deliberation declared by a direct vote of an unmistakable majority, not to recommend Marks' land as a desirable cemetery site, and which decision, they urged, in common fairness, should have been regarded by the Kogarah Council as binding and conclusive, so as to leave out of question altogether the site the deputation advocated, and pointing out that they determined to use every effort to prevent a cemetery for the whole district being established within their incorporated area, and hoping that the Kogarah Council would permit them to enjoy what, in their opinion, they think best for the benefit of their own municipality without endeavouring to induce the Government to override their wishes. A long discussion ensued, Alderman Lacey urging that the letter be consigned to the waste paper basket. The letter was ultimately received, no order being made thereon.

MANLY.

A meeting of this council was held on the 22nd December. Present—The Mayor (Mr. J. Cameron), Alderman Scarr, Moss, Sullivan, Farmer, Onslow, Erman, and Hayes. Messrs. Harper and Harper, engineers, wrote stating that the Manly waterworks would be completed on the 10th January next, and that the Harbour and Rivers Department intended handing over the works to the council at the earliest possible date. The letter suggested the appointment of a suitable person as turncock, if possible, before the works should be out of the contractor's hands, so that the water supply would be available and under control in case of fire. The engineers, after giving the necessary qualifications of the turncock, advised that the council should at once acquire a suitable length of fire-hose, nozzles, and connections for making the pipes available for immediate use to their full capacity in case of fire; also a couple of sets of leather watering hose and connections for corporation use. The council agreed that the position of turncock should be advertised. A letter from Superintendent Bear, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, stating that he had recently visited the Manly Volunteer Fire Brigade for the purpose of arranging for the supply of extra hose and appliances to meet the requirements of the new water supply. The letter also suggested that the ball-hydrants should be indicated by posts erected at the edge of the pavement, instead of having them notified on the walls, a change which would enable the firemen to find out more quickly where the hydrants were, especially at night. The council agreed to send a letter of thanks to Superintendent Bear, and the matter was referred to the works committee for consideration and report. Alderman Moss moved, seconded by Alderman Sullivan,—"That the present stone gutter crossing in Whistler and Carlton streets be replaced by a level crossing, with pipes under the same to carry the surface drainage. That the foregoing resolution be referred to the works committee." Carried. Alderman Erman moved,—"That this council form themselves into a special committee to arrange for the issue of licenses to plumbers for the purpose of making the necessary connections to water-mains, and with that object in view the council clerk be instructed to write to other councils for a copy of the conditions under which such licenses are granted." Alderman Farmer seconded the motion, which was carried. In view of the approaching holidays, when a large number of yachtsmen camp at the head of North Harbour, a portion of whom cause much annoyance to residents at North Harbour by uproar and offensive language, it was agreed,—"That the council provide someone, or that they communicate with Inspector-General Fosbery, to send an extra constable, to take control of the North Harbour beaches during the holidays."

MARRICKVILLE.

A meeting was held on the 14th December. The Mayor presided, and there were also present—Aldermen Hardy, Hitchcock, Gould, Davenport, Scouller, Webster, Ritchie, Cook, and Moyes. The works committee recommended that drainpipes be laid in Bishop-street, at a cost of £93; and that kerbing and guttering be laid in Chapel-street, at a cost of £90, to obviate the long-standing nuisance in that street. The aldermen of the West Ward recommended that a fascine bank be constructed in front of Mr. Griffiths's property, to prevent flooding. These recommendations were adopted. A statement was made by the Mayor with reference to the endowment recently granted. In the miscellaneous business, Alderman Ritchie drew attention to the fact that persons were in the habit of bathing in a waterhole within 200 yards of Sydenham-road. The Mayor said he would inform the police. Alderman Ritchie also called attention to the existence of a dangerous waterhole near the Town Hall, and asked whether steps would be taken to secure payment for the drain on the Stanmore-road. The Mayor gave answer to the question. Alderman Gould asked whether Petersham Council had forwarded its contribution towards the cost of watering the Canterbury-road. The clerk said it had not. Other matters were also dealt with.

PARRAMATTA.

A meeting of the above council was held on the 21st December. The Mayor (Alderman F. Beames) reported that, in consequence of the unsatisfactory state of the pumping engines at the waterworks, he had arranged with the Water and Sewerage Board that a pipe should be laid to connect with the mains laid down by the board in Granville and served with water from the Nepean. A motion endorsing the action of the Mayor was carried. Some of the aldermen were of opinion that the town should be permanently served by the Nepean supply, and the Parramatta waterworks sold to the Water and Sewerage Board. The Mayor also reported that owing to technical difficulties the arrangements made with J. Mullens and Son for a loan of £8500 (to take up debentures about to fall due) had broken down. He advised acceptance of the A. M. P. Society's offer of a similar amount. The Mayor was empowered to make the necessary arrangements in regard to floating the loan. In answer to Alderman Byrnes, the Mayor said the supply from the Nepean waterworks would not be drawn on unless circumstances made it positively necessary to do so. The charge would be 1s per 1000 gallons. A letter was read from Professor Warren, stating that on Thursday he would have all plans and specifications ready for the proposed enlargement and improvement of the waterworks. In some instances, in consequence of the alteration in the fiscal policy, alternate designs would be rendered necessary. On the motion of Alderman Cox it was resolved that a letter be forwarded to the Postmaster-General, asking that the post and telegraph office at Parramatta North be open for receiving and despatching wires till 8 o'clock every evening. Alderman Fleming asked by whose order Cardwell-street is shut up from the public. The Mayor replied by the Government, without consent of the council.

ST. PETERS.

A meeting of this council was held on the 21st December, when there were present:—The Mayor (Alderman Edwards), Aldermen Judd, E. J. Harber, Fallick, Baker, Hayes, and Walmsley, and the clerk (Mr. M'Intosh). Attention was called to the bad state of some of the footpaths in the borough, and recommending that the same be repaired. Alderman Fallick called attention to the stench arising from an establishment on Shea's Creek, and moved,—"That a letter be written to the Alexandria Council calling attention to the nuisance, and requesting that that council would deal with the matter at once." Alderman Baker supported the resolution, and pointed out that some of the drains in the vicinity of Shea's Creek were in a filthy condition, and there was a great stench arising from these; and he thought those nuisances had been the cause of so much illness in the borough. The motion was agreed to. Alderman E. J. Harber moved, and it was carried,—"That Mr. M'Intosh be now appointed permanently as council clerk." Accounts amounting to £54 11s 1d were passed for payment. There being no other business, the council then rose.

BALMAIN.

This council met in the municipal chambers on the 22nd December. There were present—The Mayor (Alderman J. A. Brodie) in the chair, and Aldermen W. C. Ward, J. Clubb, D. Easton, H. B. Swan, W. Burt, G. Clubb, G. Milham, M'Donald, Punch, Wise, and J. J. Wheeler. The General Post Office authorities wrote informing the council that it was intended to resume 50ft. of the land at the corner of Western and Darling streets for a new post and telegraph office, and that the sum of £2000 had been placed on the Estimates for the erection of a building thereon. The Marine Board wrote agreeing to give 12 life-buoys, to be placed on the various borough wharfs. The Fire Brigade Board wrote stating that the request to erect telephonic fire alarms within the borough could not be acceded to, but informing the council that £1092 had been placed on the Estimates for the erection of a fire station in the borough. Alderman Wheeler drew attention to the intermittent water supply, and desired action to be taken in the matter. The council clerk was requested to write to the Sewerage Board. The Mayor reported that he had made arrangements for the payment of the £2500 mortgage on Punch Park, together with accrued interest thereon.

THE EARLY CLOSING BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In consequence of the many strictures passed upon my action in re Early Closing Act may I claim your kind permission to reply? As I have gone out of the beaten track by giving publicity to my name, I must decline noticing letters under a *nom de plume*, regretting that either party should hide behind so worthless a screen, both employees and employers having a right to be heard. Let us know, however, whom we are dealing with. Such subscriptions as "Justice," "Corroberrie," "Grievance," "Humanity," "Petropawlovski" do not carry as much weight with them as M. W. Kavanagh, W. H. Brown, Edward Watson, T. Murray, and others. As the ex-president shop employees has written at great length, and presumably in a representative character, I will confine my reply to his letter. What does "E. S. E." take exception to? He emphatically denies that the suburban trade would be driven into the city by early closing. What are the facts? That suburban streets are deserted all day, and are alive at night; that when cheap railway fares were offered on Wednesdays an exodus to the city took place; that not only are lace stockings, gloves, hairpins, &c. (why does "E. S. E." quote drapery only?), but grocery, boots, stationery, jewellery, furniture, books, ironmongery, all among the essentials for suburban shops, and are bought largely after 6 o'clock; that modern trade and competition point to the fact that business is gravitating to great centres. Note the decadence of small shops in Sydney, and the growth of mammoth concerns on their ruins, which many of their own employees can testify to; and the young men of Sydney have abundant cause for thankfulness that all avenues of trade are not yet closed to them, and that there still remains the opportunity to start, and grow up with, from small beginnings in one of the many suburbs by which this great city is surrounded, and then after 40 years of labour take a little of that rest which the writer enjoys, but which by this cruel Act I am to be deprived of; this is no figure of speech, but the firm conviction of my mind, the product of trade instincts of many years' growth. A happy case has not been made out by "E. S. E." in dilating upon a worn-out wife's wasted time, and a very poor one upon the employer's loss in energy and gas. Think you, Sir, that any sane man will run his constitution down, double his gas bill, and deprive himself of all the social enjoyments and intellectual relaxations of life without a necessity existed for it? Surely no; the future must be very gloomy, and the clouds of disappointed hopes hang very heavily if this is to be his never-ending state of slavery. To the provident, temperate, industrious, and willing worker a bright future is ever ahead. And if an analysis takes place it will be found that it is the lazy, incapable, careless, and intemperate that are ever on the warpath of agitation. I regret it should be necessary to demonstrate to "E. S. E." that property values decrease with the loss of trade; even the moderate early-closing advocates admit this. With half the trade gone, would the shopkeepers still be able to meet their landlords; and as the shops became tenantless would not depreciation go on, no matter at what rate per foot the land was bought, or what per 1000 the value of the bricks? This is no bogie of my own creation, as "E. S. E." says, but may be seen wherever want of foresight existed in establishing too many shops, resulting in shrinkage of value all round. Let "E. S. E." put, like the writer, his little all into what appear good investments, and the question will present itself in a more lucid form than it does at present, and if he would like a leaf out of my record of struggles, disappointments, and successes, I shall gladly give it if it would be of service. Let me, before closing, offer in all sincerity a word of warning to all young men who aspire to a freer though not a less responsible life, and who ever have my warmest sympathy: To think ere they assist to close up the only chance, in this time of keen competition and political strife, which must result in increasing the number of poor in the land generally, and making the wealth of the few greater—let me, I say (apart from all self-interest in this question, which I have shown is great), caution you against closing up the only avenue, through which the writer has passed and through which you must pass, by lending your influence to a measure which will shut many small shops, and throw a number of young men out of the larger places of business to seek their fortune under those conditions which shut out all hope, and render it next to impossible to rise to independence.

I am, &c., A. M. WOODHILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Will you allow me through the medium of your impartial journal to utter my emphatic protest against the Early Closing Bill at present before the Legislative Council. I object partly because it is a direct curtailment of my rights as a citizen of a free country, and also because of the disaster and loss which, if formed into law, it would bring upon numbers who are now earning a livelihood, which they could not do between the hours of 9 and 6. Mr. Dibbs, in the debate, said that this bill was "part of a legislation that was to protect the rights of the people from being invaded." This sounds to me little better than irony, for while the employees in some of the city shops would be relieved, suburban enterprise would be blighted, and direct loss of business be inflicted upon numbers who are obliged to keep their shops open after 6 p.m. I am in business, and as a large proportion of my customers are business men they cannot reach home in the evening till after the time that this arbitrary bill demands that I should close my doors, so that it will be impossible for them to do business with me any longer, and my efforts during the past two years will be rendered futile. Furthermore, my customers must then of necessity deal in the city, and still further increase the power and extent of the monopolies that are swamping the individual tradesman and business man. I am no advocate for long hours of work. It is not natural for an Australian; but I must of necessity keep open till 9 o'clock if I would give the city man an opportunity of dealing with me. I for one am thankful that the Upper House exists, providing some protection against the scheme of short-sighted legislators and renown-hunters; and I hope that all suburban shopkeepers will co-operate in resisting a measure that is such a direct menace to their welfare.

I am, &c., AMOS CORBETT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have much the largest general store in one of the Eastern suburbs, employ about a dozen hands, and, like my neighbours, keep open until 9 p.m. I have always been an advocate of much shorter hours than we have at present, and for some months I closed my premises one hour earlier than others; but I found that by so doing I was simply playing into their hands. If the new bill becomes law, I am not afraid that the effect will injure me materially in the end, because my business is well established, and quite strong enough to stand a little temporary depression; and what I may lose by the diversion of part of my present trade to the city, may in some measure be made up by the closing of many of my neighbours. Is this desirable? I sincerely hope this bill will not pass in its present form. I would suggest that the hour of 6 be substituted by that of 7 or 7.30, and that it include all businesses except dispensaries. I am surprised at Mr. Allen, a strong advocate of temperance, passing by public-houses, whose doors might well be closed, and striking at the very life of hundreds of poor but worthy citizens.

I am, &c., EQUITY.

THE MARRIAGE OATH, OR DECLARATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Widespread consternation has recently been created in the above matter. Through neglecting to observe the same, a marriage has been declared null and void. I believe, however, that in many thousands of cases, in which it was duly observed, that it would be impossible to produce the said certificates—these being lost beyond recovery. As to the future, what is the best remedy for the above evils? Why not have the oath, or declaration, printed on the back of the marriage certificate and the copy? The parties who were married would sign their names on taking the oath, or declaration, and the officiating clergyman append his name as witness. There could be no danger as now, as to the possibility of loss of the certificate of the said oath or declaration. Further, there might be printed on the back of the said license a warning to anyone celebrating the marriage that in case of neglect duly to observe the instructions laid down heavy penalties would follow.

Dec. 21. I am, &c., ALEPH.

THE LONDON FINANCIAL MARKET.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The following is an extract from Messrs. W. Westgarth and Co.'s letter, under date London, the 20th November:—

"The colonial market here is now overstocked, and next to no business has been transacted for many months, even at the existing depreciated values, because the public have not tendered for nor purchased the late colonial loans, for, rightly or wrongly, the general opinion is that Australasia is borrowing too fast. What must one think of the state of the colonial market when a parcel of South Australian 4 per cent. I. I. bonds, due 1908-9, with five months' accrued interest, sell at 99½, as was the case last week. We are sorry indeed to say a single word calculated to wound Australian susceptibilities; but it is absolutely and positively necessary to bring to the fore the fact that the credit of Australasia has not of late been held so highly as its best friends earnestly desire, and our one aim and endeavour is to induce a policy of economy, for, as sure as night follows day, the several Governments will have to retrench, and the longer it is delayed the worse for all concerned."

I have taken the liberty of forwarding the above information, showing the state of the London money market, and views on our retrenchment and economy.

I am, &c.,

December 22. J. C. ROUNDING.

WHEN the eyes become weak or the lids inflamed and sore, a scrofulous condition of the blood is indicated. For scrofula, in all its forms, Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best remedy. It invigorates the blood and expels all humours.

New shipments of Electroplate, latest English patterns, for Christmas. Dahms and Co., jewellers, 168 Pitt-street, opposite Hordern Bros. —[ADVT.]

THE PROPOSED BOUNTY ON FROZEN MUTTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It has been proposed by various writers in your paper that the Government should levy a tax on all the sheep and cattle in the colony, and that the proposed tax should be divided between Messrs. Nelson—an English company who are about to start a large slaughtering and freezing works at Aberdeen, on the Upper Hunter, for the export of frozen meat—and any other company who may start the same business, so as to enable the stockowners to get rid of their surplus stock.

Will you kindly grant me space to shew that the price Messrs. Nelson offer for prime sheep is far below their market value, and that the charge they propose to levy on owners, namely 2 1-5d per lb, is very much higher than is charged in either Queensland or New Zealand by the proprietors of freezing works; besides which the Messrs. Nelson propose to keep, I suppose as slaughtering fees, all the caul-gut and kidney fat, the heads, necks, and offal, which, in the case of good 60lb. wethers, is worth at least 1s 6d per sheep, an enormous charge in itself for killing and delivering at Newcastle. In the first place, the Messrs. Nelson offer owners of fat sheep, to be not less than 47lb. without the kidney fat, and I am told the necks cut short of 1d per lb., the neck and kidney fat would, I think, weigh say 4lb. to 5lb., so that they would only be giving 3s 11d for sheep 51lb. to 52lb., and for good sheep of say 60lb., dressed, as they propose to ship them, would, with the necks and kidney fat, weigh 63lb. to 64lb, as sold by the butchers in Sydney. So that the Messrs. Nelson would be paying far less than 1d per lb. for prime sheep, or below their present boiling-down value, taking the present low price of tallow; and if the Parliament should be foolishly induced to levy a tax on all the sheep and cattle in the colony to hand over to Messrs. Nelson and others as an inducement to export foreign mutton it will be seen at a glance that this proposed monopoly would give an enormous profit to the shippers, and be of very little benefit to the graziers.

I look upon the proposal as the worst sort of protection, similar to the bonus given to exporters of butter in protectionist Victoria, and the next thing will be that farmers and others will ask for a bonus on exported wheat, maize, butter, &c.

In protected America, where enormous quantities of frozen beef are shipped to England, France, &c., no bonus has been given, nor I think asked for, by shippers of frozen meat, butter, &c.; and I, for one, hope that if it is proposed to pass a bill in Parliament to levy a tax on stock to create a huge monopoly in frozen meat, that it will be scouted out of Parliament.

At the price offered by Messrs. Nelson, a 60lb. wether, dressed as they propose, would really weigh 63lb. to 64lb.; and sheep of this class, even in the present glutted market, will sell readily at, I think, fully 8s 6d to 9s each, and Messrs. Nelson propose to pay only the liberal price of 5s each for them.

Messrs. Nelson propose to ship mutton to England, freeze, sell, &c., for 2 1-5th of a penny per lb., and charitably propose to give the owners the skin, whilst they keep all the inside fat, heads, necks, and offal, worth 1s 6d, which at present is more than the skins are worth. I am advised on good authority that the Queensland charges are as follows:—Freight, 13-16d, or 0·82d; sale charges, storage, &c., London, 0·30d; insurance, all risks, 0·12d; bags, wharf dues, &c., 0·8; or a total of 1·32, or, say, 1½d per lb., as against Messrs. Nelson's charge, 2 1-5d per lb., so that they propose to charge nearly nine-tenths of a penny per lb. more than the Queensland Company charge; and it must be borne in mind that freights from Queensland are higher than from Sydney, the cost of coal fully double what it is here, and insurance via Torres Straits is, I think, nearly double of what it is from Sydney; and, besides this, I am told that the owners of the freezing works in Queensland give the owners of the stock all the inside fat, which Nelson Brothers propose to keep.

In New Zealand the charge for freezing in summer, I am told, is ⅞ of a penny per lb., less 10 per cent. in summer, and winter, ¾d per lb.

Freight from New Zealand, 1d per lb., and 5 per cent. or a total charge of 1¾d per lb., and the owners get the inside fat, as against Messrs. Nelson Brothers' charge of 2 1-5d per lb., and they keep the fat, &c., worth 1s 6d from 63 to 64 lb. wethers.

Nelson Brothers' charges for killing, freezing, shipping, selling, &c., in London are 3s 8d per head on a 50lb. sheep, more than the Queensland charges. Whilst Messrs. Nelson keep fat, &c., worth 1s 6d, or, say their charges on a 50lb. sheep are fully 5s per sheep over Queensland, and in proportion greater also than the New Zealand charges.

It must be seen at a glance that if it will pay the Queensland and New Zealand freezing companies to ship mutton to England at the prices stated, that Messrs. Nelson must make an enormous profit on their advertised, and that they can well afford to kill, freeze, and ship mutton to England without any subsidy. It is clear to my mind that it is a proposed case of giving Messrs. Nelson all the meat and fat, and the owners of the sheep the bones to pick. In any case there is little liberality in Messrs. Nelson's offer. I do not know who are the partners of Nelson Brothers in the colony, but I am told that the P. and O. and Oriental S. N. Companies have a big share in the venture. If so, they are looking out for big profits on their freights and the profits on the meat sold in London. I am sure of one thing, and it is this, that stockowners can get far better prices for prime stock either in Maitland or Sydney from the butchers or the Sydney Meat P. Company, and it is well known that it costs the S. M. P. Company far more to tin and pack their meat than it costs to freeze and ship it. In conclusion, let me say that given the quality and weight of sheep that I used to boil up to 1872—wethers 70lb. to 80lb. and ewes up to 60lb.—that, low as is the price of tallow at present, I could afford to pay a better price for prime heavy sheep to boil than Messrs. Nelson offer, and I could make a fair profit out of them.

Messrs. Nelson can afford to pay better prices than they offer and still make a fair profit.

December 21. I am, &c., J. M'ELHONE.

PROTECTION, OR MERELY CUSTOMS TAXATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Re remarks in your Parliamentary paragraph concerning my action in giving notice of additions to the free list under the new tariff. It does not follow because I am endeavouring to take the duties off raw material which we do not produce that I am a "converted restrictionist." I have never at any time in my career advocated indiscriminate Customs taxation, but I have always been an exponent of scientific protection. The object of a protective tariff is to promote agriculture, and foster industries, not to raising revenue by Customs taxation. It will materially assist industries if we can admit duty free any raw material which we cannot profitably produce in the country—and that is the object of the additions which I have proposed to the free list, at the request of manufacturers, for workmen and trade societies interested. For example, there are many agricultural implements which we cannot manufacture in N.S.W., for the simple reason that they are protected by patents. If these patents forbid us manufacturing these farming implements, why should we not admit them duty free in order to assist agriculture? The saddlery and harness trade is much hampered by the taxation of its raw material, and at the request of the saddlers I propose to admit it all duty free, except leather, which we can profitably produce here. The same remark will apply to the raw material for carriages, buggies, and other vehicles, of which we produce little or nothing. The rivets, black iron, fine wire, &c., used by steel, iron, or galvanised-iron workers, are not produced here, and as they form the raw material for large industries they should not be taxed. Shellac, felt hoods, silk hat plush, bindings, &c., are the raw material for the hat industries, which I have been requested to place upon the free list. All drugs for medicinal purposes, other than proprietary medicines, must be free of duty, or the taxes levied upon them will press heavily upon the poor and afflicted without establishing industries. Tinplates the Treasurer has placed upon the free list. Metal nails and metal rods, for yellow sheathing, tarred felt, pitch, resin I have been asked to have admitted free, as they are raw material for shipbuilding. Steel and iron plates, angle, T, and bar iron, steel boiler tubes, sheet copper, &c., are all raw material not manufactured in New South Wales, but much required in several industries established here. We do not produce raw coffee, rice, sago, tapioca, starch, washing blue, &c., but they are all household necessaries, which we can afford to admit duty free. Imported tobacco leaf for the manufacture of cigars we can grow in New South Wales, and as the reduction of the duty to 9d would probably lead to the employment of about 1000 persons more in cigar-making, I have proposed the reduction with that object in view. It will thus be seen that any proposed additions to the free list are in the interests of protection, not of freetrade. Both the Premier and Colonial Treasurer have expressed their willingness to allow fair amendments on the tariff, and I think those which I have suggested come under that category. These amendments will be supported by a large number of protectionist members, and I think will be adopted in the main. If it can be shown that any one of my items is required to protect an industry, I shall be glad to abandon my intention of placing that item upon the free list.

I am, &c.,

E. W. O'SULLIVAN.

TENDERS FOR THE NEW PILOT STEAMER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Tenders were called on the 9th October, and closed on the 2nd November, a total of 25 days; of course this short limit of time was for the purpose of preventing British shipbuilders from tendering. Thereby placing the whole thing before the public, that is those outside of this colony, as a farce as far as tendering was concerned. The contract price, £19,980, is a truly protection one. I am in a position to state if this matter had been thrown open to the world, such a vessel could have been constructed according to the plans and specifications delivered in Sydney in less time, and at least 25 per cent. less cost than the local article. As retrenchment and economy will have to be the general order of the day, if our financial credit is to be placed on a sound commercial foundation, it is but right and just that the public should know the reason why £5000 should be wasted and thrown away in this manner.

Dec. 22. I am, &c., FAIRPLAY.

"VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE."—Readers of the Echo will see that NEW FEATURES are being constantly introduced. Its columns contain letterpress to suit all classes and denominations of the community, no efforts being spared to render the Echo the MOST POPULAR, RELIABLE, and READABLE EVENING PAPER in New South Wales. The Echo, one penny.—[ADVT.]

TO OVERCOME WEAKNESS.—Pepper's Quinine and Iron Tonic gives new life, appetite, health, strength, energy. Cures neuralgia, indigestion, nerve debility. Bottles, 2s 6d. Insist on having Pepper's Tonic.—[ADVT.]

THE Lancet recommends Rose's Lime Juice Cordial as the best drink at all times.—[ADVT.]

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

In the Stock and Share market to-day business was quiet. Perpetual Trustee were offered at a lower price. On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported at 1 o'clock:—City Bank, 9; Australian Gaslight, 12; Melbourne Trams, 28s 3d; Sydney Hydraulic Power, 11s. Closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.		Buyer.	Seller.
BANKS.					
Aust. J. Stock	—	20½	New Zealand	—	5½
Commercial	112½	115½	New Issue	—	—
Com. of Austr.	—	10	Auck. Register	—	5
City	8½	9½	New Issue	—	7½
New Issue	—	50/	N. Queensland	—	37/6
Fed.	45/	50/	Q. National	5/4/	5½
N. S. Wales	—	—	Roy. B. Q'land	—	5
			Union	60½	62
STEAM.					
Balmain Ferry	12/	12/3	Newcastle	2/	—
Illawarra	—	—	Prefer. Share	—	20/
N. S. Ferry	—	25/	Port Jackson	22/	22/6
North Coast	17/6	19/			
INSURANCE.					
Aus. Mutual	11/	12/	N. S. Wales	—	1/
City Mutual	—	2/3	United	—	—
Mercantile	5/6	—			
GAS.					
Aust. Gaslight	11¾	12½	New Issue	—	—
BREWERIES.					
Australian	14/	15/6	Castl'm'ne and Wood Bros.	19/9	20/9
Marshall's	4/3	5/			
Tooth's	14/9	15/3			
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Aarons' Hotel	7/	8/	Hayes, J. & J.	—	18/
Colonial Sugar £20 paid	23½	25	Melb. Trams	27/6	30/
Eagle Tobacco	5/	—	Shale and Oil	5/3	6/
Emu Gravel	—	16/	Syd. Hyd.	10/	11/6
Goldsbrough, Mort, & Co.	—	22/6	S. T. and O.	—	15/6
INVESTMENT AND FINANCE, &c.					
Austr-Realisation	—	2/6	Perp. Tr'tee	13/	15/6
Col. Finance	—	5/	Sydney Land Bank	—	9/
Mont de Piété	—	25/	Syd'y Agency	—	1/
Mort. Guart.	—	—	Real Estate	—	6d
Perm. Trustee	2/6	5/			
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Anglo-Aust., £5 paid	—	80/	Sydney and Suburban	—	13/
Metropolitan	—	62/	Sydney Perm.	—	13

On the Stock Exchange of New South Wales the following sale was reported to-day:—Sydney Permanent Land, 12. The following were the closing quotations, except those corresponding with the figures of the Sydney Stock Exchange, published above:—United Insurance, seller 70s; Australian Gaslight, new issue, seller 8½; Industrial Provident Building, buyer 17½, seller 18½; Sydney Permanent Land, buyer 11½, seller 12½; Sydney and Suburban Land, buyer 13s 6d, seller 14s 3d.

We are informed that Sir Saul Samuel has joined the directorate of the Australian Joint Stock Bank in London.

A special meeting of shareholders of the Sydney Permanent Freehold, Land, and Building Society was held this evening. Mr. J. W. Watkin, the chairman, stated that the object of the meeting was to enable the company to enter into arrangements with the Australian Mutual Provident Society for the necessary money to carry on business. Alderman Green moved the following resolution:—"That the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society, Limited, be voluntarily wound up, and that Messrs. J. F. Burns, J. Green, George Withers, W. Hezlet, J. W. Watkin, and S. T. Whiddon be and they are hereby appointed liquidators to wind up the same, with full power and authority to sell under the powers conferred by section 212 of the Companies Act, all the properties, assets, and goodwill of the society to a new company now formed and registered under the name of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Company, Limited, and that the liquidators be empowered to receive, in compensation for such sale, shares in the said Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Company, Limited, for the purpose of distribution amongst the members of the said society being wound up." Mr. W. Hezlett seconded the resolution. In reply to questions it was stated that for the first year the business would be carried on with the directors as registered, in conformity with the law. The chairman said that he believed the depositors never thought of the question of liability when they made their deposits, that they simply looked at the status of the company. Any notion of liability was an afterthought. In forming the society into a company, with a view to being able to obtain the requisite aid to carry on operations, he believed that they were doing what was in the interests of depositors and shareholders. The depositors would be paid every penny of what was due. The resolution was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. It was stated that 3382½ shares, or more than four-sevenths of the shareholders' interests, were represented in the vote in favour of the resolution. A confirmatory meeting is to be held probably towards the end of next month.

The import of gold for the past week was £34,528, and the export £539. The following table shows the imports and exports of gold to the date named for the past two years, compiled from the weekly statements furnished by the Customs Department:—

Month.	1890. Import.	1890. Export.	1891. Import.	1891. Export.
	£	£	£	£
January	142,918	62,061	125,204	54,441
February	121,356	127,423	127,932	185,268
March	158,389	101,769	223,038	120,410
April	126,598	14,667	128,271	85,066
May	230,856	56,032	208,394	300,571
June	244,716	163,751	298,852	447,716
July	204,628	59,471	198,254	312,364
August	193,980	178,553	170,502	345,205
September	265,031	340,835	200,038	226,105
October	288,275	626,564	162,554	265,695
November	169,960	31,298	142,031	558,480
December 12	227,878	68,844	215,417	223,258
Totals	£2,376,657	2,101,969	2,295,215	3,352,468

Our Parramatta correspondent informs us that the tender of Messrs. Mullens and Son for the borough loan of £8500, at the net average rate of £5 12s 10d per cent., having fallen through, the tender of the Australian Mutual Provident Society at 6 per cent., the par price, was accepted. We understand that the first offer was declined because the council was not prepared to give a special security to the tenderers.

Although there have been some heavy losses in connection with several of the Australian banks of issue within the last two or three years, there can be no doubt of the accuracy of the judgment of the *Financial Times* when it says that Australian banks are conducted with marked prudence and success. That "no group of securities yielding the same return could show so clean a record" is of course due in some measure to the conditions of the country. People here require larger returns for the investment of capital, whether from banks, insurance companies, or any other institutions. Still it is satisfactory to read a juster estimate of the soundness of colonial banks than is frequently published in newspapers on the other side of the world.

After to-morrow, the Custom-house and the Sydney Exchange will be closed until Tuesday next, Monday having been proclaimed an additional holiday. Besides the banks, the insurance companies' offices and import houses generally will be closed. The members of the Sydney Stock Exchange, after to-morrow's call, will not meet until Tuesday, the 5th January, and the meetings of the Stock Exchange of New South Wales will be adjourned until the 5th January.

In our Chamber of Commerce the question of the determination of disputes by arbitration has been frequently urged, and cases have been dealt with. That this method of settlement is more satisfactory than by resort to the law is recognised by high authority in England; though, as the *Economist* says, members of the legal profession are not likely to relish the advice given. Speaking of the diminution of commercial business in the courts, the Lord Chief Justice suggested as a possible cause "that the men of London may prefer to have their causes settled quickly and inexpensively by some sensible and honourable man who knows the nature of the business, and may be trusted to avoid the enormous expenditure and needless delay which often follow the litigation of questions in courts of law." And so far from deprecating such a supersession of the courts, he went on to speak of it as eminently wise. "I must say," he proceeded, "that I think a man must have a most uncommon devotion to 'the science of the law' if he prefers that questions which Lord Mansfield and Lord Ellenborough left unsettled should be settled at his expense at a cost of hundreds or thousands of pounds, when his own individual case, which, of course, interests him beyond all other cases, may be decided by some sensible mercantile arbitrator in whom he has faith and confidence." If to this (says the *Economist*) the Lord Chief Justice had added that men of business like to deal with responsible persons, and that the legal profession is so organised that it is practically impossible to fix responsibility upon its members, he would, we think, have pretty well covered all the influences which combine to drive commercial cases out of the courts. For practically, no matter how badly a case may be conducted, the unfortunate litigant has no redress.

In the Import markets to-day business was almost entirely suspended, little beyond a few sorting-up parcels coming under notice. The flour market is steady, and quotations are unaltered. Under date the 21st December, Messrs. John Darling and Son write from Adelaide:—"We have little now to report, as business is passing to a very limited extent, the buyers only operating for their immediate requirements, and producers, on the other hand, are reluctant in offering freely their produce, as they anticipate some improvement on present rates after the new year. The weather, we are pleased to say, is now more settled, and suitable for harvesting operations, which are generally being vigorously pushed forward, and after the new year we look for business passing on a very free and liberal scale. The deliveries of new crop, no doubt, will then be free, although they may not continue for any lengthened period, and that it will only be a very short season as far as the receiving from producer is concerned. Results of reaping do not appear to be more cheerful, but rather of a disappointing nature, so that we fear our harvest, while the quality is such as we can class as satisfactory, yet the quantity will be very disappointing. Values to-day for immediate delivery are—4s 8d to 4s 9d, Port Adelaide, for old wheat; 4s 7d to 4s 8d for new, immediate delivery." Locally, the tea trade is very quiet, no transactions of moment being quoted. In dried fruits we note the sale of 350 boxes of sultanas at 5¼d to 5½d. Concerning the London market on the 17th November, Messrs. De Lissa, Crowe, and Co. write:—

Dried Fruits.—Currants: Our export trade for this article is practically over for this year; but a few parcels will yet go forward to houses who have supplies regularly. We do not expect to see any quantity put on board Australian vessels again until the new year, when stocks, caused by the Christmas consumption, will have to be renewed. The market is slightly easier than when we last wrote, although sellers are not at all anxious to part stocks, it being expected that the French will require certain quantities shortly. The better qualities are particularly steady. We quote good provincial 17s 6d to 18s 6d, c.i.f., London; fine Provincial and Patras, 1s to 2s higher. Elemes: There are not heavy stocks in London, and Valencias having risen, the market is fairly firm. We quote—Good Vourla, 21s to 22s; Carabourna, 27s to 28s. Sultanas: Trade is exceedingly dull, all the shipments we are likely to make this year having gone. Stocks, however, are not excessive, and we do not think there will be any fall in prices. We quote—Good Vourla, 29s to 30s; Carabourna, 33s to 35s. Valencias: There is nothing doing for export. Figs: 14lb. boxes, 36s to 40s. Muscatels: Good quality trays command firm figures, while the commoner sorts are cheaper. As we shall not be shipping until after the Christmas demand is over, when prices will be on a different range, present quotations are useless to our friends. Dates: Hallowi, 16s to 17s; Kadrowi, 16s 6d to 17s 6d.

Brewers' sugar continues to be brought from Melbourne, and a vessel is advised as on the way direct from Mauritius. Sorting-up lines of groceries are being moved off. New Kent hops are offering from 1s 6d, Tasmanian from 14d. Glucose is rather dearer, owing to a cable advice of an advance in England; for No. 1 Crown £23 10s to £24 10s is quoted. Business in liquids is confined to sorting-up lines for Christmas requirements, a good deal of Bulldog, M'Ewan's, and Monk ale being moved off. Pommery and Goulet champagne noticed. Metals had little attention. Baltic deals sold at 15s. Messrs. Fraser and Co. quitted at auction 560lb. tortoiseshell at 13s 9d to 14s 9d; 1080lb. pearlshell, gold lip, at £134 per ton, and black edge at £44.

The following table shows the declared value of Imports and Exports at the Sydney Customs from the 1st January to the 19th December:—

—		1890. Imports.	1890. Exports.	1891. Imports.	1891. Exports.
January	10	£673,829	£1,185,275	£571,619	£681,726
	17	272,002	274,576	383,558	300,739
	24	217,518	210,308	364,980	754,450
	31	232,865	455,889	447,407	480,504
February	7	425,880	484,731	319,600	581,324
	14	178,171	287,379	370,978	472,147
	21	438,205	297,466	472,385	242,482
	28	298,940	217,524	389,719	281,828
March	7	251,432	324,862	487,310	384,947
	14	328,196	305,477	282,879	405,269
	21	265,627	177,804	366,592	156,801
	28	442,346	93,326	328,738	131,765
April	4	105,617	112,753	301,993	298,120
	11	231,017	218,141	403,870	207,672
	18	214,841	94,172	309,437	237,009
	25	291,408	116,290	245,344	195,590
May	2	384,634	93,753	377,467	184,769
	9	288,164	118,998	304,618	283,761
	16	254,499	125,101	362,049	189,750
	23	290,896	182,466	436,250	282,923
	30	269,849	128,096	212,741	182,411
June	6	302,866	145,088	388,743	290,680
	13	377,264	220,812	443,982	146,806
	20	298,789	140,903	302,787	200,468
	27	189,308	92,304	690,804	66,329
July	4	330,666	221,869	318,549	182,412
	11	366,978	99,240	522,595	291,264
	18	297,189	118,402	682,469	226,416
	25	410,879	92,311	350,800	64,584
August	1	216,325	55,310	362,467	228,738
	8	317,647	110,869	475,367	99,866
	15	304,254	242,902	488,278	299,947
	22	375,427	96,761	614,904	229,904
	29	284,488	115,733	550,343	98,090
Sept.	5	335,232	324,179	507,744	95,942
	12	349,239	154,634	341,234	516,078
	19	343,894	115,505	415,870	158,067
	26	294,005	110,021	394,914	246,960
October	3	303,801	726,094	560,076	301,856
	10	282,001	112,309	318,778	121,487
	17	355,793	155,883	358,617	180,290
	24	267,933	391,744	459,822	312,938
	31	380,978	197,129	393,889	419,969
Nov.	7	334,686	251,924	245,627	840,862
	14	364,091	211,367	496,806	462,629
	21	352,843	444,408	413,908	230,239
	28	426,173	309,041	506,830	217,592
Dec.	5	306,719	313,901	407,062	700,987
	12	367,572	342,180	367,208	272,947
	19	549,229	470,286	392,269	254,133
Totals	£	16,351,760	12,059,176	20,091,166	15,111,687

The total value of Imports at the port of Sydney for the week ending 19th December amounts to £322,269, of which the principal items are:—

Apparel and drapery, £54,396; beer, £2919; boots and shoes, £14,792; bullion, £3098; galvanised iron, £5765; gold, £34,528; hardware, £34,487; live stock, £4044; machinery, £2179; oilmen's stores, £29,731; produce, £17,141; rice, £2207; skins and hides, £2267; spirits, £8864; stationery and books, £11,809; sugar, £5449; tea, £3102; tin, £2900; wine, £2731; wool, £22,734.

The total value of Exports for the same period amounts to £354,133, of which the principal items are:—

Boots and shoes, £1120; copper, £2500; coin, £539; copra, £585; drapery, £7862; hardware, £5645; jute goods, £1068; machinery, £1243; oilmen's stores, £1036; produce, £6579; shale, £5000; skins and hides, £18,031; sugar, £5986; tallow, £4804; tin, £57,099; tobacco and cigars, £682; wool, £223,433.

The following was a return of produce received at the Darling Harbour railway terminus, per rail, for the week ended the 23rd December:—Wheat, 337 tons; flour, 257 tons; maize, 2 tons 10cwt.; potatoes, 4 tons 15cwt.; bran, 65 tons; pollard, 8 tons; wool, 28,121 bales; sheepskins, 635 bales; butter, 1945 kegs and 360 cases; eggs, 535 cases; bacon, 119 bags and 159 sides; and at Redfern—hay, 131 trucks; chaff, 107 trucks; and 4 trucks straw.

The German steamer Erlangen cleared at the Customs to-day for Hamburg, via Melbourne, with 6876 bales wool, 2171 bags ore, 223 glass, 16 casks casings, and 23 packages sundries.

The following was the Customs revenue received to-day:—

Ad valorem at 10 per cent., £2916 0s 5d; ad valorem at 15 per cent., £1429 18s 4d; spirits, £2424 6s; wine, still, £78 17s 6d; wine, sparkling, £69 8s 2d; ale, porter, and beer, in bottles, £64 10s 9d; tobacco and snuff, £250 16s; cigars, £102 6s; cigarettes, £74 5s; tea, £19 13s 9d; sugar, unrefined, £82 16s 3d; rice, £44 15s; dried fruits, £98 5s 8d; Sarsaparilla, under 25 per cent., £1 18s 9d. Specific duty: Advertising matter, £12 9s 7d; bacon and hams, £82 18s 3d; beans, £1 2s 10d; bags, printed, £21 19s 7d; bolts and spikes, £7 1s 10d; candles, £208 0s 8d; cement, £21 12s; cheese, £4 3s 3d; confectionery, £10 18s; cordage, £26 19s 6d; cordials, £8 12s 6d; doors, £150; dynamite and lithofracteur, £1 0s 10d; essences under 25 per cent. of proof spirit, 9d; essences over 25 per cent. of proof spirit, £19 7s 3d; fish, 13s 4d; fruits, green, £4 0s 10d; flour, £25; galvanised iron, £10 0s 10d; galvanised manufactures, £66 3s 2d; gelatine and isinglass, £7 3s 2d; grease, £2 8s 3d; iron and steel wire, 14s; jams and jellies, 17s; meat, extract, 1s 6d; oil, kerosene, £65; onions, £3 10s; oils, in bottle, £1 11s 6d; oils, other, £3 1s 9d; powder, blasting, £8 0s 8d; pickles and sauces, £2 15s; powder, sporting, £1 16s; paper, brown, £65 5s 1d; preserves, £12 15s; playing cards, £17 14s; salt, £266 19s 3d; soap, fancy, £10 11s 9d; soap, other than fancy, £6 18s 11d; spirits, methylated, £35 4s; tinctures, £7 4s 6d; timber, dressed, 1s 6d; timber, undressed, £16 5s 2d; varnish, £6 2s; vegetables, preserved, £1 2s 9d; vegetables, fresh, 5s 2d; zinc, £1 0s 4d. Bonded warehouses, 42 Vic., No. 19, £8 18s 8d; harbour and light rates, £99 6s 4d; pilotage, Sydney, £91 11s; harbour dues, £8; excise on tobacco, £1000; excise on cigars and cigarettes, £113 1s 11d; excise on beer, £571 11s; licenses for selling tobacco and cigars, £1. Total, £10,639 18s 2d.

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(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Nov. 20.

The record of business in the Stock and Share markets has ruled generally unfavourable since last writing. The discouraging Board of Trade returns adversely affected British railway stocks, the banking difficulties and failures in Berlin, and later on the war scare emanating from a strained interpretation of the speech of the Emperor Francis Joseph, produced with the aid of the "bears" a sharp panic, not only in Vienna, but also on all the leading Continental bourses. The gloom is not yet altogether dispersed, although the latest outlook is better, and prices improving, in consequence of oversold "bears" having to cover. The revolt in Brazil has naturally resulted in a sharp decline in the value of the stocks of that country. Russian stocks have suffered in consequence of the influence of the growing famine, and the difficulty experienced in unloading the immense amount of Russian securities held in France. A further reduction has taken place in a number of the Trust Companies' stocks, owing to the depreciation of the securities known to be held by these concerns. Colonial Government securities have exhibited further weakness, the general quotations over the fortnight being ½ to 1 per cent. down. Australian bank stock is also down, the largest declines being in Bank of Australasia 3, and Union of Australia 2 per cent. Prices now stand as follow:—Bank of Australasia, 91, 93; Bank of New South Wales, 65, 67, ex dividend and bonus; Bank of New Zealand, 5, 6; Bank of New Zealand, new shares, 7, 8; Bank of South Australia, 12½, 13½; Bank of Victoria, Limited, 9, 9½; Chartered of India, Australia, and China, 22, 23; Commercial of Australia, 12, 13; English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered, 27½, 28½; London Chartered of Australia, 25½, 26½; Mercantile of Australia, 2½, 2¾; National of Australasia, 9¼, 9¾, ex dividend and bonus; National Bank of New Zealand, £3 paid, ¼, ¾; Queensland National, Limited, 6¼, 7½; Union of Australia, Limited, 61, 63; ditto, Inscribed stock deposits, 102, 104. The mining market is flat, sales preponderating. South African and Indian gold mines dull, and declining. Australian mining shares in many cases are lower, at the following quotations:—Australian Broken Hill, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; Brilliant, 7¼ to 7¾; ditto, Block, 2¼ to 2¾; ditto, St. Georges, 3½ to 4; Day Dawn Block and Wyndham shares, 8s 6d to 9s 6d; Day Dawn P.C., 9s to 10s; Bonnie Dundee, 1s to 1s 6d; Cumberland, new (18s paid), 1s 9d to 2s 3d; Etheridge United, new (4s 3d paid), 3d to 6d; Gympie Great Eastern, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; Gympie Golden Crown, 2s to 2s 6d; Livingstone, 1s to 1s 6d; Midas, 1s to 2s; Mill's Day Dawn, 1½ to 1¾; Mount Morgan Extended Block, 1s to 2s; Mount Leyshon, 1s to 2s; New Queen, 8s 6d to 9s; Mosman Gold, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; Queen Consolidated, 10s to 12s; Sunburst, 1¼ to 1¾; Victory, 4¼ to 4¾; and Silverton (Broken Hill), 9-16 to 11-16.

The silver market has continued quiet and easy, but there has been a better inquiry lately. The present price of bars is 43⅝d per oz.

Business in the money market has been inactive, and rates declining, with abundant supplies and little demand. Call money has fluctuated between 2 and 2½ per cent., with a temporary advance to 3 per cent., in connection with the Stock Exchange fortnightly settlement last week, dropping away again immediately to 2 per cent. As a proof of the ease of money on the Stock Exchange, it may be mentioned that this week a large amount was offered on the security of Consols till the New Year at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum and refused. The only important amount falling due during the remainder of this month is an instalment of 25 per cent. of the New South Wales Government 3½ per cent. inscribed stock, payable this day, amounting to £1,125,000, which has caused an advance in the rate for call money to 2½ per cent. The Bank of England returns are favourable, and the outside discount terms about 1 per cent. below the official minimum. Sixty days best bank bills are taken at 2¾ to 3 per cent., and for six months bills only 3 per cent. is charged.

The report of the Union Mortgage and Agency of Australia states the net profits for the year amount to £68,364, and, inclusive of the balance brought forward at 30th June, 1890, £4510, the amount at credit is £72,874, against which dividends have been paid as follows:—On preference capital £19,508, and interim dividend on ordinary capital, at 10 per cent. per annum, £14,136—making together £33,644. The directors now recommend the following additional appropriations:—Dividend on preference capital, £19,508; dividend on ordinary capital, at 10 per cent. per annum, £14,136; and balance to be carried forward, £5585.

The Board of Trade returns are not satisfactory, showing the volume of trade for the month of October to be £3,533,930 less than for the same month last year, while for the 10 months it is £15,460,392 short of the first 10 months of 1890. The decrease of exports is continuous, being 208,500,000 for the 10 months of this year, against £221,500,000 for the first 10 months of 1890, while the imports have increased from £344,000,000 in 1890 to £348,000,000 this year, the increase being mainly due to our larger receipts of foodstuffs. The decrease of exports is largest to the United States and Argentine Republic, while to Brazil and New South Wales our exports have increased. The import tables show that about one-third of the value of all we take comes from our own possessions. Freights remain at 12s 6d per ton for weight and measurement all round by sailing vessels to Sydney and Melbourne; but the tendency in steam rates continues upwards, some of the finer cargo steamers obtaining up to 35s per ton for measurement. Weight rates are also firm per steamers at from 15s and upwards for the closest, up to 25s per ton for packed weight.

Wheat.—Last week showed increased firmness, more particularly in foreign. The rumours of the probability of a Russian ukase being imminent prohibiting the export of wheat caused an excited market, with a rise of 1s 6d per quarter on Russian and Australian, and 6d on American, Chilian, and other sorts. America is, however, selling freely, and the delay and uncertainty with respect to the stoppage of Russian exports, combined with the mildness of the weather here, has produced an easier feeling this week, especially in foreign wheat, which has eased down about 6d per quarter, and sales difficult for cargoes. Californian wheat on the spot has realised as much as 47s per quarter and 45s 9d on passage. South Australian wheat cargoes, new crop, for shipment in January, are offered at 45s, and a few cargoes sold at that figure. Indian wheat brings 44s for the finest white sorts. New Zealand off coast cargoes are offering at 43s, Californian at 46s 6d and on passage 44s 6d; while No. 2 Club Calcutta October-November shipment, sold this week at 40s 9d November-December, 41s. This day's market a Mark-lane is dull, and prices easier. Messrs. Chambers Brothers quote Australian wheat off stand 46s 6d per 496lb.; New Zealand round, 44s; long-berried 46s; Australian flour, superfine, 31s; patents, 33s.

Hops.—There is a decidedly hardening tendency, with higher prices expected for good medium and choice English growth, the supplies remaining in factors' hands having become limited. The increased arrivals of hops from America and the Pacific coasts are, however, keeping the market supplied, and these meet with ready sale. Good useful medium English hops are now selling at £4 10s to £5 10s per cwt.

Preserved Meats.—The following are the London importers' entries for the fortnight ending the 14th instant, supplied by Messrs. John M'Call and Co.:—From Queensland, 485 cases; Victoria, 272; New Zealand, 834; United States, 4483; South America, 4197; other countries, 231; total, 10,502 cases. The Board of Trade returns show the importations of preserved meats to the United Kingdom during the past ten months amounted to 639,199cwt., value £1,566,885, against 593,056cwt., value £1,595,714 during the corresponding period of last year. There is no life in the market, grocers being occupied with other goods for Christmas. Current quotations are as follows:—Australasian boiled mutton, in 6lb. tins, 23s per dozen; beef, 21s per dozen; rabbits, 9s to 11s per dozen: American compressed beef in 14lb. tins, 52s per dozen.

Copra.—Inquiries have been very small of late, and the business done only effected at lower prices. Kiln dried is now quoted £12, and fair to good sun dried, £13 10s to £13 15s per ton.

Bones.—Auctions were held on the 12th instant. The supplies were not large, and there was a better demand than at previous sales of the 10th September, when best round shanks were bought in. The best now realise £11 to £13 12s 6d for Australian shipments. Flats sold at an average of about £7.

Horns.—At the sales held on the 13th instant there was a good demand, the horns sold realising full values. Large ox horns averaging 14¼oz. brought 39s 6d per 100, and 13¼ to 13¾, 33s; cow and small horns sold at 7s to 7s 6d per 100. Large horns may be quoted at an improvement of about 2s per 100 on previous sale prices. Hoofs brought from £4 5s to £5 5s per ton.

Leather.—Auctions were held on the 6th instant, when there was rather more inquiry for Australian, but very little business done. 180 bales were offered, and only 18 sold as follows:—Best Sydney sides, 8d; seconds, 7¼d; inferior, 6¼d to 6½d per lb. The small supply of 48 bales of basils were all sold at full prices. Sydney strained, best and seconds, average 8¼ to 13¼lb per dozen, brought 10d to 13½d; and New Zealand, average 13¼ to 17lb. per dozen, sold at 8½d to 11d per lb.

Chemicals.—A moderate business has taken place in Liverpool heavy chemicals, and prices are well maintained all round:—Soda ash, carbonated, £5 9s 9d to £7 2s 6d; soda, caustic, £5 6s 3d to £6 15s; caustic soda cream, 60 per cent., £9 5s to £9 10s; ditto, white, 60 per cent., £9 10s to £9 15s; ditto 70 per cent., £10 15s to £11; bleaching powder, £7 10s to £8 per ton; chlorate of potash, 5¼d to 5½d per lb.; bicarb. soda, £6 15s to £7 per ton; soda crystals, £3 12s 6d to £3 15s; copperas, £2 5s to £2 10s; sulphate of copper, £15 to £15 5s; sulphate of ammonia, £10 10s to £10 17s 6d; nitrate of soda, 9s 3d to 9s 4½d, ex quay or store; refined saltpetre, £22 to £23; flowers of sulphur, £9 15s to £10 10s, delivered f.o.b. Liverpool. The London quotations for chemicals &c., are:—Acetic acid, 16s per cwt.; citric acid, 1s 4½d per lb.; sulphuric acid, packed in jars and cases, 16s per case; tartaric acid, crystals or powder, 1s 1d to 1s 1½d per lb., less 5 per cent.; lump alum, £5 15s per ton, ground £6 7s 6d; white lump arsenic, 22s to 23s per cwt., powdered £1 2s 6d; borax, refined crystals, 28s 9d, powder 29s 3d per cwt.; English refined camphor, 1s 7½d per lb., foreign 1s 5d; English quinine, 1s 4d per oz., foreign 10d; cream of tartar, crystals, 94s per cwt., powdered 96s; genuine dry white lead, 20s 6d per cwt., ground 21s; genuine red lead, 16s per cwt.; raw linseed oil, 1s 7½d per gallon, boiled 1s 9½d.

Metals.—During the past fortnight there has been no business transacted in Scotch pig iron warrants in Glasgow, owing to the scarcity of same in the hands of dealers. Messrs. R. Feldtman and Co., of Glasgow, say nearly the whole stock of Scotch iron in Connal's store is held firmly by the London syndicate, who are evidently waiting for an improvement in trade before realising. The market is nominally buyers 47s, sellers 48s cash. Special brands remain at last quotations. The number of furnaces in blast remains at 76, and the stock of iron in Connal's Glasgow stores is 499,619 tons, against 587,652, on the 31st December last. The West Cumberland market for Hematite iron has changed very little; makers quote 49s 0d to 50s 6d for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Bessemer, f.o.b., but they have very little for sale for early delivery. Hematite warrants have been lively, fluctuating between 48s 1½d and 48s 4½d, but have since eased down a little. There has been a large turnover in Cleveland Warrants, the price fluctuating between 38s 8½d and 38s 6d. No. 3 G.M.B. makers' iron is quoted 38s 9d, prompt delivery at Middlesboro, Tees dues extra. The copper market is flat and again lower. Chili bars, good merchantable brands, are quoted £44 7s 6d cash, £45 5s three months. Tin, after showing some improvement, has receded to £90 17s 6d for fine Straits, cash, and three months £91 10s. Australian is maintained at £91 10s to £92 10s. Lead is dull, at £11 12s 6d to £11 17s 6d for English, and £11 10s to £11 12s 6d for foreign pig; silesian spelter shows no improvement, at £23 2s 6d to £23 5s for ordinary brands, special brands £23 5s to £23 7s 6d. Quicksilver remains at £8, first hands, £7 17s 6d second.

Sugar.—The market has steadily advanced since last writing, and prices are likely to continue hardening. The weekly shipments of sugar from Hamburg to America are now about equal to our own imports from that source, and this fact, combined with the unusual occurrence that the water in the River Elbe is now so low that navigation is almost suspended, and Austrian refiners are buying back contracts rather than incur the extra expense of sending by rail, has assisted in stimulating this market. Large business has been done in the speculative beetroot market, being influenced by the advance in Paris and other foreign markets. German 88 per cent. analysis is about 1s dearer on the fortnight. Present quotations: November, 14s 1½d; December, 14s 4½d; January-March, 14s 4½d to 14s 6d; April-May, 14s 7½d per cwt. The refined market is active and strong, and stored goods have advanced 1s 6d per cwt. Tate's best cubes are now selling at 21s 6d; second, 20s 6d; Martineau's cubes, No. 1, 20s 6d to 22s. The last auctions of cane sugar on the 17th instant passed off at steady. Crystalised Demerara sold at 17s 9d to 19s; Demerara syrups, 11s to 11s 6d; Mauritius syrups were mostly bought in at 12s to 13s; 1000 bags of Queensland syrups sold at 10s 6d to 11s 9d; grainy at 15s to 15s 6d, one lot fetching 16s 3d per cwt.

Tallow.—At this day's auctions 1739 casks of Australian tallow were offered, and 1002 casks sold under a reduction in price of 6d per cwt. on mutton and 3d to 6d on beef. Quotations are: Australian mutton, good to fine, 26s to 26s 6d; inferior to medium, 23s 6d to 25s 6d. Beef, good to fine, 25s to 25s 6d; inferior to medium, 23s to 24s 6d.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

A fair amount of business was done in new wheat at 4s 5d, with sellers of small lots at 4s 4½d. General business is quiet.

A moderate share business was done to-day generally at very firm prices. Commercial Bank sold higher and Mercantile rather lower, others without much change. Metropolitan were in good request, and closed at an advanced price. Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, and Silverton Tramway also improved. There is not much change in other investment stocks. The principal sales were:—Commercial Bank, £9 15s, £9 16s; Mercantile, 37s 6d, 37s; National, £9 18s; Victoria, £9 13s; Colonial Investment, 7s; Mercantile Finance, 12s, 13s 6d; Metropolitan Gas, £13 15s, £13 15s 6d; Equity Trustees, 30s; National, 30s 6d; Union, 22s 9d, 23s; Broken Hill Ore Dressing, 2s 10d, 2s 11d; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 20s; Mutual Store, 98s; Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 29s, 29s 3d; Silverton Tramway, £7, £7 0s 6d; Tarrawingee Flux, 63s; Zeehan Railway, £9 9s; Zeehan Smelting, 11s 1d.

The half-yearly meeting of the Mercantile Finance Guarantee and Agency Company was held to-day. Colonel Templeton, who presided, stated that the profits were sufficient to pay a dividend of 7 per cent., but in view of the general shrinkage in values, which the directors believed would only be temporary, it was considered wise to strengthen the reserve fund by adding £50,000 to it, raising it to £370,000.

AUCKLAND, WEDNESDAY.

In Dunedin oats a moderate business is being done. Best milling is quoted at 1s 9d to 1s 9½d; best short bright feed, 1s 8½d to 1s 9d; medium to good, 1s 7½d to 1s 8½d; inferior, 1s 4½d to 1s 7½d.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

[BY CABLE.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 23.

The quantity of wheat and flour afloat to the United Kingdom is estimated at 2,660,000 quarters, and for the Continent at 1,672,000 quarters.

The money market is advancing owing to the continued withdrawals of gold for export. Three months' bills are quoted at 2½ per cent.

The present average quotation for currants, vostizza, in half-cases of 56lb., is 28s per cwt.; patras, 21s; provincials, 18s 6d. Figs, extra fine, in 14oz. or 1lb. boxes, 40s. Eleme raisins, fine, in half-cases of 56lb., 32s. Sultana raisins, fine, in 18lb. boxes, 32s; extra fine, 37s.

PRODUCE MARKET.—WEDNESDAY.

This morning there was a limited attendance of the trade at the Redfern auction sales. The consignments of forage forward numbered 14 trucks. Buyers' requirements were restricted to chaff, whilst the demand for hay was very slack. Yesterday's prices were maintained. At the wharfs the supplies of the various lines of produce were ample for the day's wants, especially maize, potatoes, and chaff. The onion market was only lightly stocked, and prices ruled firm. The inquiry for bran and pollard was again limited. There was a demand for small-sized hams and well-cured bacon. Cheese in small request. Eggs commanded better attention. Poultry, if in good condition, was easily disposed of. Particulars of the business transacted at the Redfern auction sales were as follow:—

Hay.—Four trucks received. Good new oaten, in bundles, 4s 6d per cwt., indifferent 3s; lucerne, in bundles, from Menangle, 2s; oaten and wheaten, in bales, 2s 9d.

Chaff.—Ten trucks forward. Oaten and wheaten mixed, in bags, sold steadily at 3s 11d to 4s 2d per cwt.

At the wharfs the wholesale quotations were:—

Wheat.—New milling samples, 4s 11d to 5s per bushel.

Flour.—This market remains steady. Roller brands, £12 5s to £13 per ton; stone makes, £11 to £12.

Bran.—Still quoted to 10d per bushel.

Pollard.—Prices from 9½d to 10d per bushel.

Maize.—Prime samples free from weevil unaltered, 2s 2d to 2s 3d per bushel.

Oats.—Feeding lines again worth 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel.

Hay.—Quotations given for Hunter River lucerne hay range from 30s to £2 15s per ton.

Chaff.—The ruling rates for intercolonial chaff were £4 5s to £4 15s per ton.

Onions.—Old ordinary Victorian table sorts saleable £4 5s per ton; globe varieties, £5; Hunter River onions rather scarce, £3 10s.

Potatoes.—Heavy supplies of River potatoes were still on hand. Prices, 30s to £2 per ton.

Butter.—Illawarra dairy makes, 8d per lb.; factory-made, 9d.

Cheese.—Colonial lines in full supply and dull of sale, from 4d to 5d per lb.

Bacon.—Machine-cured Southern quoted at 6d to 7d per lb.; hand-cured, 7½d to 7½d per lb.; roll to 7½d; hams, 7d to 10d; New Zealand hams, 11d to 1s; English hams, 11½d to 1s.

Lard.—Bladder lard saleable 4d to 4½d per lb., bulk from 3½d.

Eggs.—In stronger demand at prices ranging from 9d to 11d per dozen.

Poultry.—Quotations given for fowls were from 3s to 4s 6d per pair; ducks, 3s 6d to 4s 3d; geese, 6s to 8s; turkeys, 6s 6d to 15s.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK MARKET.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Fat Cattle: 850 yarded for double requirements; 580 from Queensland, 70 from the North, the balance local. Quality, chiefly good and prime; demand brisker, and prices advanced, specially for choice sorts. The market, however, closed about the same as last week. Prime beef, 18s to 20s per 100lb. We sold 200 cattle. Fat sheep: 6900 penned, including one prime flock, the balance principally mediocre; the supply of good sorts being limited. For fortnight's demand sales were active at higher prices; others were unaltered. Prime wethers, to 9s; ewes, 5s 6d. We sold 2100 sheep.

STATIONS AND CATTLE SALES.

Gair, Sloane, and Co. (in conjunction with J. R. Fulton and Co.) report having sold the Pullaming Estate and Holding, on the Mooki River, near Gunnedah—20,000 acres freehold, 17,400 acres leasehold, 38,760 sheep, 1000 cattle, 181 horses. This well-known property falls into the hands of Messrs. Mackay Brothers, of Brewon, at a satisfactory price, being the highest obtained for grazing land in this district. We have several properties being inspected in this colony and Queensland, and hope to report further sales before the close of the year. We have numerous inquiries for fattening properties convenient to railway communication. Cattle Sale: Gair, Sloane, and Co. report having sold 25 stud bulls account of James Broad, Esq., Mount Hutton, Queensland.—[ADVT.]

FAT STOCK SALES.

At the Homebush fat stock sales yesterday there was a rather small attendance of buyers. 533 head of cattle were yarded. There was a scarcity of prime beasts. Prices were rather better. Best beef made about 18s per 100lb. The best lot of bullocks averaged £5 17s 8d per head, others from £4. Cows at proportionate rates. 8170 sheep were penned. The market was again excessively dull, and a large number were unsold. The best lot of merino wethers sold to 9s per head, others from 3s. Lambs were in heavy supply, and medium and inferior sorts were almost entirely neglected. Sales were made from 1s to 3s 6d. The following sales were reported:—By Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—45 bullocks for A. A. Company averaging £5 17s 8d; 50 bullocks for Christian and Miller averaging £4 17s 3d; 103 wethers (shorn) for T. and A. Learmonth at 9s, 15 stags (shorn) at 8s 6d, 1164 wethers (shorn) at 8s to 8s 1d, 48 wethers (shorn) at 7s 5d; 60 crossbred wethers for Walhallow Estate at 10s 3d, 19 crossbred wethers (shorn) at 9s, 88 crossbred ewes (shorn) at 7s 9d; 200 ewes (shorn) for Western Agents; 14 wethers (shorn) for J. Male, 35 ewes (shorn), 54 lambs (shorn) at 3s to 3s 9d. By Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—254 crossbred wethers (shorn) for D. M'Intyre at 8s 6d, 61 crossbred and merino wethers (shorn) at 7s 6d, 93 wethers (shorn) at 7s 9d, 61 lambs at 5s; 191 wethers (shorn) for F. A. Parbury at 8s 6d, 61 lambs (tops) at 7s 6d, 31 lambs (seconds) at 7s 1d; 10 lambs (tops) for C. H. Cox at 6s 1d; 13 (seconds) at 3s 6d; 67 wethers (shorn) for D. M'Gregor at 8s 6d to 9s 6d; 18 crossbred ewes for T. Doolan at 8s 6d, 16 crossbred ewes (seconds) at 7s 3d, 16 lambs (seconds) at 7s 1s; 365 wethers (shorn) for T. Kennedy at 7s 5d, 55 wethers (shorn) for R. Hardy at 8s 6d, 43 lambs (shorn) at 5s 3d; 75 ewes (shorn) for R. Glasson, jun., at 4s 1d, 14 lambs at 6s 11d, 83 wethers (shorn) at 6s, 36 hoggets at 5s 6d; 65 bullocks for W. W. Richardson averaging £4 15s 1d, 3 cows at £3 10s; 7 bullocks for R. Hardy at £4, 3 steers at £2 10s, 1 cow at £2, 6 calves at £1. By Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—20 wethers (shorn) for A. Kinkaide at 6s 3d; 110 lambs for Jas. Arnell at 3s 6d to 5s; 107 lambs for J. N. Batton at 1s. By Mr. Geo. Maiden, for Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited.—1418 ewes (shorn) for Allison and Co., and 158 seconds. By Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—20 bullocks for T. H. and A. D. Browne averaging £5 16s 9d; 20 bullocks for Brown Bros. averaging £5 10s 2d; 60 ewes for L. W. Guest at 5s, 44 lambs at 2s 6d. And at the City Yards: 10 calves for Edgar Cox to 28s 6d; 28 sucking pigs from Aberdeen averaging 8s 1d; 20 pigs from Wingham averaging £1 3s 2d; 50 pigs from Dungog averaging 19s 4d; 16 pigs from Miller's Forest averaging 16s 7d; 15 pigs from Callan Park averaging £1 3s 10d; 16 pigs from various owners from 18s to £2 5s. By Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—83 shorn wethers for S. G. Alford at 8s 5d, 198 shorn wethers at 7s 9d, 77 shorn crossbred hoggets at 5s 9d; 109 lambs for G. Busby at 3s 7d, 117 lambs at 4s 3d; 15 lambs for D. Mackay at 5s, 104 lambs at 3s 6d.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was very little alteration in the value of Barrier stocks yesterday, and business was again dull. Proprietary shares brought £7 2s and £7 3s; Block 10, £11 16s 9d to £11 18s; and Central, 79s 6d to 80s. A few Souths were disposed of at 51s 6d to 53s, and Sunny Corners realised 5s 4½d to 5s. Several sales were effected in gold stocks. Golden Gullys hardened to 4s, and Last Calls weakened to 9d.

After the noon calls to-day the Stock Exchange of New South Wales will remain closed until the 4th January, and the Sydney Stock Exchange until the 5th January.

SALES.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—Morning—Silver: Block 10, £11 16s 9d; Central, 79s 6d, 80s; South, 51s 6d; Central Block, 3s 9d; Sunny Corner, 5s 4d. Gold: Bear Hill, contributing, 9s 3d; Last Call, 9d. Afternoon—Silver: Proprietary, £7 2s, £7 3s; Block 10, ex dividend, £11 17s 6d; South, 53s; Sunny Corner, 5s.

Stock Exchange of New South Wales.—Morning—Silver: Block 10, £11 18s; Imperial, 4d; Sunny Corner, 5s 4½d, 5s 4d. Gold: Golden Gully, 3s 6d, 3s 7d, 3s 8d—contributing, 2s 7d, 2s 9d. Afternoon—Gold: Golden Gully, 4s—contributing, 2s 9d.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Sydney Stock Exchange:—

	Buyer.	Seller.		Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.			North	3/6	3/10
Burwood	—	12/6	B. H. S.	53/	54/
Extended	—	10/	New issue	42/	43/6
Hetton	—	5½	Ditto, Block 5	3/1	—
Newcastle	15	—	Imperial	—	5d
Stockton	10	—	Hero	2	2/4
Wallsend	28	35	Ditto, con.	5d	6d
Waratah	—	8½	Lubra	5d	—
W. Wallsend	—	6/6	Mount Stewart	10/6	11/6
Wickham and Bullock Is'd.	—	20/	Ditto, con.	6/3	7/3
New issue	—	12/	Mount Galena	—	7/
Y'ng Wallsend	4/6	10/	Rising Sun	—	6d
COPPER.			Round Hill, ex rights	—	12/
Great Cobar	2/6	—	Sunny Corner	4/6	5/
Great Central	—	1/	Webb's	—	1/
Nymagee	—	2/6	White Lead	—	6d
SILVER.			GOLD.		
Bonanza C'nls.	5d	—	Baker's Creek	25/	—
Brit'h B'n Hill	21/	24/	Bear Hill, con.	—	9/3
Bkn. Hill Pro.	7/2/6	7/3/	Mount Morgan	43/	44/
Ditto Bk. Com.	—	1/4	Pambula	8/	—
Ditto Blk. 10	11/16/6	11/18/6	Last Call	9d	11d
Ditto Block 14	5/15/	—	Peak Hill	2/3	—
Central	82/	83/	Sunlight	11/6	16/
Extended	14/3	16/	Ditto, South	—	1/
New North	—	5/6	True Blue	2/6	3/6
Central Block	3/6	3/8	Victory	—	85/
B. H. Junction	12/	12/3			

Stock Exchange of New South Wales.—Copper: Great Cobar, buyer 3s; Great Central, seller 1s. Silver: Proprietary, colonial register, buyer £7 1s; Central, buyer 82s, seller 83s; Central Block, seller 4s; Junction, buyer 12s 3d; Junction North, seller 4s 3d; South, new issue, buyer 41s, seller 43s; Block 5, buyer 3s; Bonanza Consols, seller 7d; Mount Stewart, buyer 10s, seller 11s 6d; Mount Stewart, contributing, buyer 6s; Rising Sun, buyer 4½d; Sunny Corner, buyer 5s, seller 5s 9d; White Lead, buyer 4½d; Mount Galena, seller 6s 6d. Gold: New Koh-i-noor, seller 2s 11d; Great Mercury, seller 3s 3d; Golden Gully, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 11d; Golden Gully, contributing, buyer 2s 9d, seller 3s; Last Call, seller 1s.

At a special general meeting of the shareholders of the Hero Freehold Silver and Gold Mining Company, Limited, held yesterday, the following duly qualified shareholders were elected directors:—Messrs. A. Rogalsky, W. H. Armstrong, W. Harris, Henry Dave, G. Larsen, M. Emanuel, and A. D. Nelson.

An advertisement appears in another column stating that the last day for the acceptance of the allotment of the newly-created shares in the Round Hill Silver-mining Company has been extended from the 21st December, 1891, until Monday, the 18th January, 1892.

THE CHARTERS TOWERS GOLDFIELD.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Considering the position the Charters Towers goldfield has occupied for many years past as one of the most important gold-bearing centres in Queensland, and the fact that it has during the last two years taken the lead of all others, and become the principal one, a brief account of its discovery, rise, progress, present condition, and prospects should be of interest, and may serve to enlighten many persons who imagine that the "quartzopolis" of Northern Queensland has scarcely emerged from the primitive stage of tents and bark humpies which all goldfields have to go through. This, then, I will attempt to do. The field was first discovered in 1872 by three miners, Messrs. Fraser, Mosman, and Clarke, who were engaged in alluvial mining at the Seventy Mile. Within sight of them, about 17 miles off, were several small peaks, which they determined to examine, believing that there was a possibility of the existence of gold in their vicinity. They did so, and having reached the highest of the hills (now known as Tower's Hill), examined the ground about its base, and more especially on its western side, and were rewarded by discovering considerable quantities of quartz, in which fine gold was found to be plentiful. Claims were marked out, and information given of the new find to the late Mr. Charters, who was the then warden of that part of the district, who afterwards visited the locality, and his report being of a satisfactory nature, the proclamation of the field as a goldfield was authorised, and the discoverers received such rewards as they were entitled to under the existing regulations. The date of the proclamation was 31st August, 1872, and the area was at first 1700 square miles, but as some of the outlying country was afterwards found not to be auriferous, it was subsequently reduced to 600 square miles, which is its present area. Its name, as will be self-evident, was bestowed as a compliment to Mr. Charters, the first warden. The Towers proper is situated about 82 miles from Townsville in a south-westerly direction, and is on a plateau or tableland nearly 1000ft. above the sea level, in lat. 20deg. 3m. 30s. south, long. 146deg. 18m. east, and is almost in the centre of the goldfield. The boundaries of the field extend from Dalrymple S.E. along the right bank of the Burdekin River to the confluence of the Cape and Suttor Rivers. The news of Messrs. Mosman, Fraser, and Clarke's discovery spread quickly, and before long there was a considerable population on the ground, which rapidly increased as it was found that payable gold—some alluvial, but principally quartz—existed in almost every direction. As it was necessary to have machinery for crushing, mills were erected on a creek about three miles from the first claims taken up, and as there were several gold-bearing lodes in the vicinity as well as a better water supply than could be found elsewhere, and also a rich alluvial lead, that spot became naturally the centre of population, and received the name of Millchester. The township of Millchester, however, did not retain its position for many years, for as the claims adjacent to it became worked out the miners commenced to concentrate near the site of the first discovery, where the present town of Charters Towers stands, a large number remaining about Queenton, about a mile from the centre of the present town. The township of Millchester still exists, and mines and mills are both at work there, but it is no longer the busy centre that it was during the first few years of the field's existence. The progress made since that time has been most satisfactory, although there was a slight falling off about 1876, when work was slackened owing to the necessity for obtaining more efficient machinery to work the reefs, but subsequent to that there was a marked improvement owing to the stone becoming richer as the reefs went deeper. Official records state that in 1882 the yield was 67,000oz., while three years later, in 1885, it was 134,000oz., having doubled itself in that time. This state of things has been going on ever since, for in 1887 the amount of gold wrung from the stone was 150,000oz., and the returns for the 11 months ending the 30th November of the present year show an output of very nearly 202,000oz., which places Charters Towers far and away ahead of any Australian goldfield. The gold obtained on the field at the present day is entirely from reefs, the alluvial having run out very soon after the commencement of the field. The reefs are scattered about nearly all over the field, running in almost all directions, and dipping at various angles. The lodes, or "formations," are principally situated in pyrite and granite, and are composed of diorite, slate, flucan, quartz, and "fragmentary gangue." The ore deposits are found at irregular intervals throughout those veins, and generally occur in shoots. The mode of working is usually by shafts, following the underlie to the lode, which, owing to the small quantity of water in the mines and the softer ground on the course of the veins, is found to be a quick and economical way of getting out the gold. The quartz from the shallow levels being impregnated with iron oxide, is commonly called "brown stone," from which the gold can be extracted by crushing-batteries and mercury-tables; but at a depth of from 50ft. to 100ft., varying according to the compactness of the rock and the depth of permanent saturation, the ore changes its character. The sulphides, which consist of iron pyrites, galena, and blende, are undecomposed, and require other treatment to extract the gold, which is here done by concentrating the crushed metal as it leaves the battery-tables, and then grinding the sulphides with mercury in Wheeler's and Berdan pans. Although this method works well a considerable portion of concentrated slimes worth saving remains for treatment by the chlorination process. There are now over a dozen crushing mills in full work in various parts of the field, some crushing for particular companies only, while others are available for the use of the public; also pyrites works, for the treatment of stuff that cannot be dealt with by the ordinary mill process. The districts in the immediate vicinity of Charters Towers have been freely prospected, and in 1886-7 the Black Jack line of reef, about five miles off, was taken up, and for about a couple of years a prosperous community found a residence there, and some handsome dividends were paid, but it went down again, and now the township is almost deserted. A new company has, however, been recently formed to work the principal lodes, and, as the organisation is a powerful one, those who are in it are sanguine that they will succeed in finding stone that will yield them a good return for their outlay. The recent boom in mining that took place here was the cause of this company being floated, and was also responsible for the taking up of much new ground in other directions—some in tried and proved lines of reef, and others where there were good indications, but nothing like certainty, and in all probability still others where there was nothing to warrant speculation. Many old claims that were abandoned years ago for want of capital, through the influx of water, and for other reasons, were rehabilitated and re-floated; nearly all the new ventures being launched on the no-liability principle. There is no doubt that in many of these cases good will be done in developing new ground, and re-working old claims that have been left to themselves for reasons stated; and those that prove successful will be instrumental in benefiting the district as a whole, and augmenting the output of gold. But, on the other hand, numbers of investors are certain to be disappointed. When the boom was at its height almost anything could be floated, owing to the excited state of the market; and it would certainly be a most wonderful thing if all the companies that were then brought into existence should turn out to be profitable to the shareholders. Now that the boom has collapsed, many who bought shares during its progress are beginning to "whip the cat," and would willingly part with their interests for much less than they would have taken a couple of months ago. On the other hand, there are men who are resolved to stick to their bargains and work their leases, and should they succeed no one will grudge them the fruits of their pluck. There was another result of the recent inflation of the share market that is to be regretted, and that is that it brought to Charters Towers a large number of clerks and other persons seeking employment; and many of them got it, but, as it only proved temporary, numbers of them are on their beam ends, and can neither get away nor get work here. Their lot is to be pitied, for unless they are able to go under ground they have a very poor chance, as the labour market, so far as clerical labour is concerned, is usually as much congested in Charters Towers as it is in most other places. So much for the boom and its consequences. In the meantime all the old companies are working away just as they were before it took place. Gold is coming in as fast, if not faster, than ever, and the general prospects of the field never looked better since that day in 1872 when Hugh Mosman and Messrs. Clarke and Fraser dollied out their first prospects on the site near which stands the North Australian G. M. Company's property in what is called the Gap. The various lines of reef, the principal leases, and some description of the town and suburbs of Charters Towers, &c., must form subject matter for another communication.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.)

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

Little business was done in gold companies without important changes. Antimony sold at 9d; Bear Hills, 9s 3d, 9s; Earl of Hopetoun, 3s 9d, 3s 8d; Grand Duke, 17s, 18s; Great South Long Tunnel, 4s 8d; Hustler's Reef, 14s; Midas Consols, 3s; Princess Dagmar, 22s 6d; Prince of Wales and Poverty, 2s 10½d; South Russell, 4s 9d, 4s 10½d; Young Duke, 3s 3d.

Silver was dealt in to fair extent. Broken Hill companies closed higher.

Sales.—Broken Hill, £7 0s 6d, £7 4s 9d; Block 10, £11 16s, £11 19s 6d; Block 14, £5 17s; South, paid, 52s 6d; Block 5, 3s 4d, 3s 5d; British, 23s; Broken Extended, 14s 3d, 14s 9d; Central, paid, 79s 6d, 82s 6d; New North Broken, 4s. Tasmania: Adams's Dundas, 11d; Austral, 3s 11d; Balstrup, 6s 7d, 6s 9d; Central Dundas, paid, 7s; Comet, 9s 1d, 9s 2d; Grey Ore, 2s 6d, 2s 7d; Maestrie's, paid, 26s 6d; Owen Meredith, 1s 5d; South Nevada Extended, 3s 11d.

A Hillgrove telegram states that at the Lady Hopetoun mine the eastern lode has been intersected by the low level in hard country, the lode being rather pinched, but showing a little gold.

BALLARAT, WEDNESDAY.

Mr. T. H. Thompson, manager of the Prince of Wales and Old Poverty mine, reports that 47cwt. of quartz crushed yielded 1oz. 18dwt. 16gr. smelted gold.

ADELAIDE, WEDNESDAY.

Share report sales:—Wallaroo and Moonta, 20s 6d; Baker's, 26s 6d; Bear's, 9s 2d; Devonshire Quartz, 7s 6d; Block 10, £11 17s, £11 15s 6d; Broken Colonial, £7 13s 6d; Block 14, £5 18s; Central, paid, £4 5s; South, paid, £2 15s 9d; Old British, 22s 9d; New British, 18s; New B. H. Extended, 15s 3d; Junction, 13s 9d; North, 4s 3d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, WEDNESDAY.

The share market has been dull all the week, and business is not likely to liven up until after Christmas. During the week the Golden Gate declared a dividend of 1s, and the Inshurst 6d. Victoria P. C. got the promise of another big crushing, 200 tons stone going through the Mosman mill, which is expected to give 5½oz. to 6oz. per ton. The following are the late quotations on 'Change:—Alabama, contributing, seller 1s; Brilliant Central, seller 8s 6d; Band of Hope, buyer 8s; Brilliant and Saint George United, contributing buyer 19s 10d; seller 20s 3d; paid up, buyer 20s. Brilliant Block, contributing, seller 28s 9d; Brilliant Extended, paid up, buyer 9s 6d; Clark's Brilliant Worcester and Victory, buyer 5s 1d, seller 5s 6d; Day Dawn, No. 3 West, seller 3s 9d; Day Dawn, No. 4 West, buyer 3s, seller 3s 3d; Eclipse, contributing, seller 2s; Hidden Treasure No. 1 South, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 5d; Identity, buyer 1s 9d; Wills United Goldmines, buyer 26s 2d, seller 28s 6d; Marquis of Normanby, buyer 1s 3d, seller 1s 4d; New Hidden Treasure, No Liability, buyer 4s 11d, seller 5s 1d; No. 2 East Victoria, buyer 5d, seller 8d; No. 7 North-east Queen, buyer 13s; Normanby Welcome, near Bowen, buyer 2s 1½, seller 2s 6d; Queen Cross Reef, buyer 5s; United Queen Consols, buyer 2s 7d, seller 4s; Victoria and Queen Extended, contributing, seller 9d; Victoria and Queen Extended, paid up, seller 2s; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, buyer 1s, seller 2s; Victory, buyer £3 12s, seller £3 17s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, paid up, buyer 2s 6d, seller 4s.

HILLGROVE, WEDNESDAY.

The only crushings to hand to-night were the Sunlight, 157½oz. smelted gold from 125 tons crushed. Scottish Chief, Dalmorton, had a few days' crushing, and cleaned up 16oz. of gold from 28 tons crushed.

STUART TOWN, WEDNESDAY.

This afternoon Mr. John Pearce, manager of the Golden Gully Mine, Ironbarks, cleaned up 420 tons of quartz for 811oz. of gold, also a quantity of pyrites, which will be shipped to England for treatment. Three directors—Messrs. D. Inglis, J. B. Christian, P. R. Russell—and a party of shareholders attended. Great satisfaction is expressed in the neighbourhood at the result of the crushing, as the future of the district is now assured. There are about 250ft. of backs on the rich reefs from which the present crushing has been taken.

BROKEN HILL, WEDNESDAY.

The main shaft of the south mine is down 593ft., with sulphide ore all over the bottom of the shaft. Assays show 40 to 50 per cent. of lead, and 10 to 12 oz. silver, and much less zinc than sulphide. In the upper levels water is being pumped at the rate of 3000 gallons per hour. On the 525ft. level the north drive and winze are proceeding, but there is no change to report. Prospecting work at the 425ft. level shows no change as yet, except in the crosscut south of the main east crosscut, which is being run west in sulphide, assaying 50 per cent. of lead and 10oz. silver. The diamond drill in the main west is not working, awaiting new cutters. The north and west drive and the crosscut at the 400ft. level of the hauling shaft are being worked with despatch. The stopes show no change, but are yielding a good supply to the furnaces. The east crosscut at the 300ft. level of block 6 shaft has been driven 270ft. The face now shows indications of the near approach of the lode casing, and a development may be expected here shortly. The British concentrators are now running on carbonate ore again. Mr. Howell states he is very pleased with the way this machinery works, and it is shown that it has done better work with the ore than any other yet known on Broken Hill. The Proprietary concentrating and leaching plants resumed work to-day.

MUDGEE, WEDNESDAY.

A nugget weighing 13oz. has been picked up at Merrendee on Government land. A small rush has taken place near by on private property.

Higgings, boring in Log Paddock, near Mudgee, a famous field in the old days, has struck rich gold at a depth of 70ft.

PARKES, WEDNESDAY.

The Kohinoor Gold-mining Company cleared up this evening 540 tons, yielding a cake of gold weighing 432oz. 6dwt. The best stone of this crushing came from the deepest levels. The mine has been working short handed, otherwise a much larger quantity would have been raised. The reef is of big width and in good working country.

CRUSHING AND SMELTING RETURNS.

Ethel May Gold Mine.—A trial crushing of 10 tons made at the Royal Standard battery yielded 8½oz. of gold, or 7dwt. to the ton.

New Baker's Creek North Gold Mine, Hillgrove, December 21.—Nine tons concentrates put through machines, making altogether 34 tons, from which we obtained 24oz. 17dwt. of free gold. Have saved about 15 tons pyrites, which contains about 20oz. gold.

Sunlight Gold-mining Company, No Liability, December 22.—For five days: Tons crushed, 125; yield, 157oz.

Kohinoor Gold-mining Company, Parkes, December 19.—Still crushing at Haselhurst battery with 15 head. Amalgam taken from plates for the week, 180oz.; making a total now on hand from plates of 710oz. Clean up on Wednesday.

Golden Gully Gold-mining Company, Limited (by wire), December 23.—1285oz. amalgam just placed on fire; will have result in three hours. (Later.) 811oz. gold for 420 tons, including pyrites.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

New Baker's Creek North Gold Mine, Hillgrove, December 21.—Winze on No. 3 reef sunk 2ft., making 55ft. Reef shows no change. South drive, bottom level, extended 5ft., making 37ft. from crosscut. Lode here consists of two quartz veins from 1in. to 5in. wide, which show gold. Four tons quartz raised, making altogether 37 tons, which seems of payable quality.

New Lady Carrington Gold Mine, Hillgrove, December 21.—Bottom tunnel extended south on the lode 5ft., making 70ft. Lode is 2ft. wide, and shows nice gold. The lode at this level looks very well indeed.

Broken Hill Junction North Silver-mining Company, December 17.—Contractors making fair progress until yesterday, when a considerable increase of water took place, and for a few shifts I put the men on to break garnet ore at 420ft. level. The lode mentioned is now a good way across the shaft, but as yet not much change in the character. More garnet sandstone and cubical galena; zinc and sulphides about the same.

Sunlight Gold-mining Company, Hillgrove, December 21.—No. 5 level: Main drive, on the lode west has been extended 24ft., total length 596ft. I am getting this drive widened out from the winze to the face to full width of lode to prepare for stoping. There is fair quality quartz on hanging wall. Width of lode, 7ft.—about half quartz and half slate. No. 4 level: Main drive on the lode west is in 100ft. from tunnel. Lode has been continuous the whole distance driven, and gold-bearing quartz continues in the face of the drive. No. 4 level: East drive extended 14ft.; total length of drive, 60ft. The quality of the quartz in this drive is good but in places narrow. It will take about eight days to finish deep cutting at the head of line. Have about half the rails and sleepers laid. Now put'ing on ballast.

Silver Hill Mining Company, Sunny Corner, December 17.—Main shaft: The water reported in my last has evidently come into shaft from a large body of ore. The last hole that broke the water was drilled 2ft. deep in ore all the way. The ore taken from shaft has shown improvement in depth from 6oz. 18dwts. silver per ton to 8oz. 9dwt. silver per ton, the latter from sample taken just before water entered shaft. North tunnel extended 5ft. 6in. for week; total, 466ft. 6in.

Glen Elgin Gold Mines, December 19.—No. 3 tunnel has been extended 5ft., total length 173ft. Lode 3ft. wide, heavily charged with pyrites and carrying galena, and from appearance of stone should be rich in gold. No. 1 shaft ought to be sunk through to the drive, for air. No. 1 shaft is 30ft. deep. The shaft going from No. 3 to No. 1 tunnel has been sunk 4ft., total depth 14ft.; good lode all the way down. The reef in all the workings looks well, and it has been proved by the gold obtained from late battery tests the deeper we go the richer the stone, therefore we ought to erect our machinery as soon as possible. Crushed 9 tons of stone, giving good results in free gold.

Kurrajong Gold-mining Company, December 21.—North drive 220ft. level driven 7ft.; reef formation about 18in., but not improved in value. South drive driven 10ft., no sign of reef yet; we got a few colours of gold in the stone last week, but it has not continued.

Mount Stewart Lead and Silver Mining Company, December 20.—The drive going south at 73ft. level, total distance 49ft. There is a vein of ore in this drive of good quality; assays give 48oz., 31oz., and 41oz. silver, and 25 per cent., 18 per cent., and 34 per cent. lead. The drive going south at 100ft. level has been driven total distance 132ft. 6in. from No. 1 shaft north; the lode is looking very kindly. Drive going north at 100ft. level: Total distance from No. 1 crosscut, 100ft. 9in.; yesterday a change came in in the face of this drive, showing some nice-looking ore carrying a good percentage of lead. Drive going south at 157ft. level from the winze: Total distance 41ft. from the winze, and is still in a good class of ore, assaying 27oz. silver and 18 per cent. lead; the ore body extends beyond the drive on both sides. The engine shaft is now again in a fair way of working, and is down 5ft. 6in. below the 100ft. level. No. 1 shaft is now down 33ft. 9in. No. 4 shaft is now down 48ft. 6in.; lode still yielding a large quantity of high grade ore, assays of which result as follows:—18oz., 30oz., 119oz., 68oz., 121oz., 58oz., 80oz., and 12oz. silver, and 20 per cent., 32 per cent., 14 per cent., 15 per cent., 12·5 per cent., 17 per cent., and 16½ per cent. lead.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

SYDNEY OBSERVATORY.

DECEMBER 23.

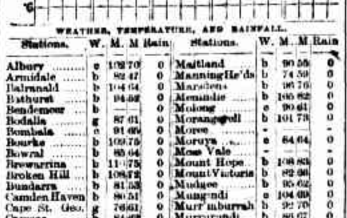
LATITUDE, 33° 51' 41" S.; LONGITUDE, 10h. 4m. 53·81s. E.; MAGNETIC VARIATION, 9° 35' 37" E.

Average annual rainfall for 32 years ... 50·233
Average for 33 years from January 1 to November 30 ... 46·868
Total rainfall from January 1, 1891, to December 23 ... 55·065
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day ... 29·962

Barometers corrected to 32° Fah. and mean sea level.

The Time Ball drops 1 p.m. Sydney mean time, 2h. 55m. 9·19s. a.m. Greenwich mean time.

STATE OF BAROMETERS.



WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, AND RAINFALL.

Stations.	W.	M.	M	Rain	Stations.	W.	M.	M	Rain
Albury	c	102	70	0	Maitland	b	90	55	0
Armidale	b	82	47	0	Manning He'ds	b	74	59	0
Balranald	b	104	64	0	Marsdens	b	96	76	0
Bathurst	b	94	52	0	Menindie	b	105	82	0
Bendemeer	b	—		0	Molong	c	90	61	0
Bodalla	g	87	61	0	Morangarell	b	101	73	0
Bombala	c	91	69	0	Moree	-			-
Bourke	b	109	75	0	Moruya	c	64	64	0
Bowral	b	85	64	0	Moss Vale	-			-
Brewarrina	b	110	75	0	Mount Hope	b	108	83	0
Broken Hill	b	108	72	0	Mount Victoria	b	82	60	0
Bundarra	b	81	53	0	Mudgee	b	95	62	0
Camden Haven	b	80	51	0	Mungindi	c	104	69	0
Cape St. Geo.	g	76	61	0	Murr'mburrah	b	92	70	0
Carcoar	b	84	62	0	Murrurundi	b	86	67	0
Casino	b	83	56	0	Muswellbrook	b	89	64	0
Cassilis	c	87	64	0	Narrabri	b	95	70	0
Clarence	b	85	48	0	Newcastle	c	79	65	0
Condobolin	b	102	81	0	Orange	b	87	57	0
Cooma	c	92	56	0	Picton	b	89	56	0
Coonabarabr'n	b	98	49	0	Port M'Quarie	b	81	63	0
Coonamble	b	101	61	0	Port Stephens	b	79	64	0
Cowra	b	98	71	0	Queanbeyan	c	87	62	0
Cudgellico	b	104	71	0	Quirindi	b	97	68	0
Deniliquin	b	108	65	0	Scone	b	91	58	0
Dubbo	b	97	61	0	Singleton	b	98	65	0
Eden	c	79	65	0	Sydney	c	79	67	0
Euston	b	114	67	0	Tabulam	b	[illegible]	63	0
Forbes	b	97	75	0	Tamworth	b	87	58	0
Gabo Island	-			-	Taralga	b			0
Glen Innes	b	82	49	0	Taree	b			0
Goulburn	b	92	66	0	Tenterfield	b	80	51	0
Grafton	b	88	60	0	Wagga	b	109	71	0
Gulgong	b	91	69	0	Walcha	b	78	48	0
Gunnedah	b	101	54	0	Walgett	b	103	67	0
Hay	b	105	74	0	Warialda	b	88	55	0
Hillston	b	104	73	0	Wentworth	b	106	67	0
Inverell	b	84	50	0	Werris Creek	b	93	63	0
Jerry's Plains	b	94	60	0	Wilcannia	b	106	81	0
Katoomba	b	80	46	0	Wollongong	b	81	63	0
Kiandra	b	75	61	0	Young	b	96	64	0
Lismore	b	85	59	0					

[Explanatory.—Weather: b, fine; c, cloudy; d, drizzling rain; f, fog; g, dull; h, hazy; m, misty; n, frosty; o, overcast; p, showery; q, squally; r, raining; s, snowing; t, thunder; u, threatening; v, stormy; w, hot wind; M.M., maximum and minimum readings of thermometers.]

SYNOPSIS.

New South Wales.—Fine, hot, with scattered clouds.

Western Australia.—Fine generally; but cloudy on the south coast.

South Australia.—Fine and warm, scattered clouds in places; cool along the coast.

Victoria and Straits.—Generally fine, in parts cloudy and gloomy.

Tasmania.—Fine, but cloudy generally.

Queensland.—Cloudy on the coast; fine but cloudy elsewhere.

Central and North Australia.—Fine and hot generally.

New Zealand.—Generally fine.

FORECAST.

New South Wales: Light variable winds from E. to N.; veering to south late to-day (Wednesday), with cooler weather and light variable winds on Thursday.—H. C. RUSSELL. Victoria: Fine inland and warm, with light variable winds; near coast cool, with southerly winds.—R. L. J. ELLERY. South Australia: Fine with moderate and light cool S. and S.E. winds.—C. TODD.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

Queensland: Light, with thunderstorms at isolated places inland.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Cape St. George, N.E., cloudy, 77°; Goulburn, N.W., fine, 88°; Deniliquin, W., cloudy, 90°; Port Macquarie, N.E., fine, 79°; Wentworth, S.W., fine, hot; Dubbo, N.W., fine, 92°; Sydney, N.E., fine, 81°; Newcastle, N.E., fine, 79°; Euston, S.W., fine; Wilcannia, S.W., fine, 96°.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DECEMBER 24.

Sun rises at 4.49, sets at 7.11; Moon, 12.30 a.m., 12.28 p.m.; Mercury, 5.37 a.m., 7.46 p.m.; Venus, 6.36 a.m., 8.50 p.m.; Mars, 1.41 a.m., 3.3 p.m.; Jupiter, 10.22 a.m., 11.11 p.m.; Saturn, 11.54 a.m., 11.48 p.m.

New moon, 1st; full moon, 15th.

High water at Fort Denison, 1.47 a.m., 2.10 p.m.

H. C. RUSSELL, Government Astronomer.

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Municipal Elections.

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POLL TAKEN on SATURDAY, 19th instant.
George Francis Bailey ... 87 votes
James Brown Crabbe ... 58 votes
Informal ... 5 votes
Majority for G. F. Bailey ... 29 votes

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Willoughby,
December 21, 1891.

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NEWS Agency and Fancy Goods, tram route, 5 rooms; rent 28s; takings £15 wkly; trial; £75.

MILK RUN, city, profits £3 weekly; horse, cart, utensils, £45; bargain. Needham and Co.

NEEDHAM and CO., 19 Elizabeth-st.—Butcher's, city, 8 bodies, 50 sheep, 18 sun., plant complete, £160.

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JOSEPH and CO., Hotelbrokers, 106 King-street, beg to return their sincere thanks to their numerous clients and friends for the extensive and increasing patronage they have received from them for the past many years, and take this opportunity of wishing them all a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

As heretofore, JOSEPH and CO. intend conducting all matters entrusted to them in the same prompt and businesslike manner, and thereby retain the confidence of their many patrons.

JOSEPH and CO., 106 King-st., offer grand sub. Hotel, lease 15 years, 5 hhds. xxx w., trade £50, £1000.

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Funerals

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. S. DE GROEN, KATHERINE COLLINS, ALEXANDER and WILLIAM ISAACS are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Julia Lobliner; to move from the residence, 102 Botany-street, Moore Park, THIS DAY, at 1.30, and from the Mortuary, Redfern, at 2.30. Lewis Samuels.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. FRANCIS REVELLE HUNT are kindly informed that his Funeral will leave his late residence, corner of Sydenham and Victoria roads, Marrickville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at quarter to 2 o'clock, for Newtown station, thence to C. E. Cemetery, Necropolis. GOMMESON and CO.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. HUNT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, Francis Revelle Hunt; to move from his late residence, Victoria and Sydenham roads, Marrickville, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. GOMMESON, Undertaker, King-street, Newtown.

THE FRIENDS of the late AMOS PROWLES are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his son-in-law's residence, Metropolitan-road, Enmore, at half-past 2 o'clock, for St. Peter's Cemetery, THIS AFTERNOON.

THE FRIENDS of THOMAS M. PRINCE are respectively invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved FATHER-IN-LAW; to move from his late residence, Metropolitan-road, at half-past 2 o'clock, for St. Peter's Cemetery, THIS AFTERNOON.

THE FRIENDS of W. J. HALLIDAY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved FATHER-IN-LAW, Amos Prowles; to move from his residence, Metropolitan-road, Enmore, at half-past 2 o'clock, for St. Peter's Cemetery, THIS AFTERNOON.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. WILLIAM WEIR are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Mia Mia, Brighton-street, Petersham, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Petersham station, and thence to Rookwook Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Messrs. JAMES and WILLIAM WEIR are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER; to move from Mia Mia, Brighton-street, Petersham, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Petersham station, and thence to Rookwood Cemetery. Wood and Company, undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. DAVID WEST are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Commercial Hotel, Riley and Oxford streets, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. CHARLES KINSELA, 116 Oxford-street, near Crown-street, and 765 George-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JOHN WEST are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER, David; to move from his late residence, Commercial Hotel, Riley and Oxford streets, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. CHARLES KINSELA, 765 George-st., op. Christ Ch.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. ROBERT WILSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Mr. David West; to move from his late residence, Commercial Hotel, Riley and Oxford streets, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. CHARLES KINSELA, 116 Oxf.-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS WILSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Mr. David West; to move from his late residence, Commercial Hotel, Riley and Oxford streets, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. CHARLES KINSELA, 765 Geo.-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. RICHARD WILSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Mr. David West; to move from his late residence, Commercial Hotel, Riley and Oxford streets, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, to Necropolis. CHARLES KINSELA, 116 Oxf.-st.

Tenders

ASPHALT Contractor.—R. Price, 7, 9, 11 Matthew-st., Dg. Harbour. All work supervised by F. M'Intosh.

BOROUGH OF LITHGOW.

TENDERS will be received by the above Council up to noon, on MONDAY, 28th day of December, 1891, for the undermentioned work in connection with the Erection of Municipal Gas-works:—

1. Supply and delivery on site of the whole of the Gas Plant, Mains, &c.
2. Erection of Buildings, Plant, Main-laying, &c.
3. Supply of Plant and Erection complete, in one sum.

Plans and specifications may be seen, and information obtained from the council clerk, Lithgow; the engineer, W. J. C. Alexander, 2 O'Connell-street, Sydney, from whom forms of tender may be obtained.

Tenders to be addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen, and endorsed Tender for Gas Plant, and must be accompanied by the deposit provided in the specifications.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

THOMAS BENNETT, Mayor.

Council-chambers, Lithgow, November 16, 1891.

BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS. TENDERS given for Rolled Iron, Steel, combined, and Box Girders. R. L. SCRUTTON and CO., 11 Pitt-street.

COAL TENDERS.

TENDERS are required for supplies of large and small Newcastle and or Southern large COAL, to the steamers of the Oceanic Steamship Company for the ensuing 12 months, delivered by steam collier in Sydney Harbour. Tenders to state prices for large and small coal separately, and be prepared to deliver all, or a portion of, small, as required.

Tenders to be sent in by the 2nd January, 1892.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further particulars apply at the office of the UNION S. S. COMPANY OF N.Z., 15 Bridge-street.

IN the ASSIGNED ESTATE of S. GEE, Oxford-street, Draper.

TENDERS will be received at our offices up to noon on MONDAY, the 4th January, 1892, for the following lots, either separately or together:—

LOT 1.		
STOCK-IN-TRADE, consisting of—Dress Goods, Silks, Velveteens, Prints, Manchester Goods, Ribbons, Laces, Millinery, Hosiery, Gloves, &c., &c. ...	£477 9 6	
Fixtures and Fittings	76 6 3	
		553 15 9
LOT 2.		
BOOK DEBTS—		
Good	£238 16 4	
Doubtful	45 11 0	
Bad	234 5 6	
		518 12 10
LOT 3.		
TIME-PAYMENTS—		
Good	272 6 11	
Doubtful	103 3 9	
Bad	328 17 11	
		704 8 7
		£1776 17 2

Stock-sheets may be seen, and forms of tender obtained, at our offices or on the premises.

The usual 10 per cent. deposit conditions.

Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

A. H. COLLIER and CO., Public Accountants, 118 Pitt-street.

Sydney, December 23, 1891.

PAINTERS and Contractors.—White Lead, 28s 6d. Oils, 3s 6d gal.; Mixed Paints, 4½d lb.; Wall Paper, 2½d per roll. Varnish, 8s 6d gal.; s/o Brushes, 5s. glass cut 3d per foot: procurable only at 843 George-st., late Murray's.

PLASTERERS.—TENDERS wanted for a Large Dwelling at Glebe Point, opposite 'bus stand. Plans and specifications apply H. HARGRAVES.

SEWERAGE.—TENDERS will be received till 6th January next, 6 p.m., for Connecting 3 Houses, Pitt and Turner streets, Redfern. Plans and particulars at 85 Pitt-street, Redfern.

TO FELLMONGERS AND SHIPPERS OF SHEEPSKINS.

The Directors of the Sydney Meat-preserving Company, Limited, invite TENDERS, to be sent to the undersigned, for the Whole of the Pelts of the Sheep killed during the month of January next at their works, Auburn.

If the successful tenderer wishes to dry the pelts the company's drying wires and sheds will be at his disposal, free of charge.

Tenders will be opened at 11.30 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 30th INSTANT.

By order of the Board of Directors, JOHN B. C. MILES, Secretary.

United-chambers, George and Hunter streets, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

TENDERS are invited to 31st December, 1891, for the Purchase of the Barque PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, now lying in Mosman's Bay, where she is open for inspection.

The Barque PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, 1298 tons register, built at St. John's, N.B., having been newly coppered and caulked under supervision of Captain Pockley, is capable of taking cargo to any port, and can be fully equipped at small additional outlay.

Inventory of Stores, &c., can be seen at the Office of the Wallarah Coal Co., Ltd., 17 Bond-street, Sydney.

TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS will be received by the Secretary, Masonic Lodge, Bourke, up to the 5th January next (accompanied by deposit of £10), for the Erection of MASONIC HALL, Bourke.

Plans and specifications can be seen at the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

TO BUILDERS.—Tenders are invited for the Erection of Cottage, Rockdale. Plans, &c., to be seen on application to the undersigned, CHARLES HELLMRICH, Architect, 149 King-st.

TO PLASTERERS.—TENDERS wanted for Lath and Plastering 3 Rooms; labour. Apply Mr. J. YOUNG, 256 Pitt-street, Sydney.

WANTED, TENDERS, Brickwork, labour only. Corner Underwood and William sts., Paddington.

BLUE METAL, all gauges, SCREENINGS, GRAVEL and RIVER SAND, at lowest prices. EMU GRAVEL and ROAD METAL COMPANY, Limited, Norwich-chambers, Hunter-street.

BLUE Metal (all gauges), Dry Screenings, Shivers, Shellharbour. Ward and Co., 10 Exchange-chambers.

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Meetings

NOTICE of POSTPONEMENT of the Annual MEETING of the COLONIAL MUTUAL LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY, Limited, from Monday, 28th, to THURSDAY, 31st, 11 a.m. R. Mackenzie, manager.

SYDNEY MEAT-PRESERVING COMPANY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-second Half-Yearly General MEETING of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Company's Head Offices, United-chambers, George and Hunter streets, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of February, 1892, at noon, to receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet to 31st December, 1891; and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in conformity with the Deed of Settlement.

By order of the Board of Directors, JOHN B. C. MILES, Secretary.

United-chambers, George and Hunter streets, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

SYDNEY PERMANENT FREEHOLD LAND AND BUILDING SOCIETY, Limited.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Special MEETING of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society, Limited, will be held in the large Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Pitt-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the thirteenth day of January, 1892, at eight o'clock in the evening, when the subjoined Resolution, which was passed at the Special Meeting of the Company held on the 23rd day of December, 1891, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

> RESOLUTION: That the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Society, Limited, be voluntarily wound up, and that Messrs. J. F. Burns, J. Green, George Withers, W. Hezlet, J. W. Watkin, and S. T. Whiddon be and they are hereby appointed liquidators to wind up the same, with full power and authority to sell under the powers conferred by Section 212 of the Companies Act all the Property, Assets, and Goodwill of the Society to a new company now formed, and registered under the name of the Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Company, Limited, and that the liquidators be empowered to receive, in compensation for such sale, shares in the said Sydney Permanent Freehold Land and Building Company, Limited, for the purpose of distribution amongst the members of the said Society being wound up.

J. Y. KERR, Acting Secretary.

333 Pitt-street, Sydney, December 23, 1891.

AUSTRALIAN CO-OPERATIVE FRUIT EXPORTING, PRESERVING, AND COOL-STORING COMPANY, Limited. In Liquidation.

NOTICE is hereby given that a General MEETING of the Company will be held at No. 76 Pitt-street, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th January, 1892, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a final Report and Statement of Accounts from the Liquidator.

WILLIAM RIGG, Liquidator.

Sydney, December 22, 1891.

THE TUMBARUMBA FLAT SLUICING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First General MEETING of the Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the above Company, Post Office-chambers, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th January, 1892, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the period ending the 31st December, 1891, and to elect two Directors and one Auditor in lieu of those retiring, and to transact any other business that may be brought forward in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Company.

By order of the Board, G. S. BUZACOTT, Manager.

Sydney, December 23, 1891.

Candidates for the office of Director must give no less than three days' notice in writing of their intending candidature.

NORTH CENTRAL BROKEN HILL SILVER-MINING COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Adjourned Meeting of the Shareholders of this company will be held at the Chamber of Commerce, Bridge-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1892, at 2.15 o'clock in the afternoon.

Business:

To make and pass the rules and regulations of the company which will be then submitted.

Dated this twenty-second day of December, A.D. 1891.

LEONARD DODDS, Manager.

131 Pitt-st., Sydney.

N.B.—Copies of the proposed rules may be inspected at the office of the company.

THE BROKEN HILL SOUTH BLOCK COMPANY, No Liability.

NOTICE is hereby given that the First General MEETING of the Shareholders, convened for MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 2.30 p.m., has been adjourned until TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 2.30 p.m.

By order of the Board, G. S. BUZACOTT, Manager.

Sydney, December 23, 1891.

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